

## TRUST BOARD

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> 02/11/2010		<b>Enclosure:</b> 4
		<b>Agenda Item No:</b> 6
<b>Title of Report:</b> Chairman's Report		
<b>Aims:</b>  This report provides an update of the Chairman's business, activities and matters that the Chairman wishes to bring to the attention of the Trust Board.		
<b>Summary:</b>  The matters mentioned in this paper are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Board Cycle of Business as at 1 November 2010</li> <li>• North West Chair's Meeting</li> <li>• Foundation Trust Application</li> </ul>		
<b>Specific implications for consideration (Financial/Workforce/Risk/Legal/Race Equality etc):</b>		
<b>Financial</b>	No specific implications.	
<b>Workforce/E&amp;D</b>	To ensure the continuing development of Trust Board business.	
<b>FT</b>	Outlines the requirements from the Secretary of State for Health regarding our FT application.	
<b>Recommendations:</b>  The Trust Board is asked to note the contents of this report.		
<b>Document previously approved by:</b>  Report directly to the Trust Board.		
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<b>TRUST BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2010</b>
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report provides a summary of those matters the Chairman wishes to bring to the attention of the Board.

**2. EXCEPTION REPORT ON BOARD CYCLE AS AT 1 NOVEMBER 2010**

The table below summarises the items which have changed on the Board Cycle as at 1 November 2010:

<b>BOARD ITEM AS PER CYCLE</b>	<b>RATIONALE FOR CHANGES TO DATES / DELAY</b>
Estates Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been added to the agenda for the January 2011 meeting due to work ongoing in relation to the Trust's capital programme.</li> </ul>
Communications Strategy and Patient and Public Involvement Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant work has been completed on the Communication's Strategy. Work is now planned for November to consult with key staff in relation to bringing together the PPI strategy and the Trusts Communication Strategy, due to the natural connection these two strategies have. These will be presented to the Board in January 2011.</li> <li>Extensive work has also been undertaken on the new website for the Trust, which will also be presented to the Board in January 2011.</li> </ul>
Charitable Funds Committee Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee is slightly behind with its work programme, therefore this item will be discussed and approved by the Charitable Funds Committee in January 2010 and presented to the Board in February 2010.</li> </ul>

I have requested for an updated Board Cycle to be circulated to Board members for information, to ensure our agreed key items of Business are achieved before the 31 March 2011.

### **3. NORTH WEST CHAIRS MEETING – 20 OCTOBER 2010**

Mr Bonner, Vice Chairman attended the North West Chairs meeting on my behalf in October. The summary below provides information on the key items discussed:

- The new White Paper sets out a direction of travel, which health economies were currently trying to identify how best this can be adopted to ensure delivery over future years.
- Priorities remain service delivery and finance on a whole economy scale to ensure efficiencies are realised.
- How the transition from the 'old' to the 'new' will be managed across the system via the Transitional Management Board.
- New commissioning arrangements focussed on outcomes and accountability.
- Synchronisation of PCT and GP commissioning arrangements were essential to develop and implement during the forthcoming months.

The team at the SHA recognised the significant pressures and challenges in the system, including the leadership community required to drive through the levels of change required in unprecedented times. The financial position across the North West was discussed including how Trusts were attempting to resolve the difficult financial issues across specific health economies.

The meeting also received a presentation from David Fillingham, Chief Executive of the Advancing Quality (AQ) Alliance on progress made since the summer period on the AQ projects.

### **4. LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING OUR FOUNDATION TRUST PLANS**

It is important to inform the Board that I have received a letter from the Secretary of State for Health regarding our plans to become an NHS Foundation Trust. The letter requests specific information and submissions to be made by 30 November 2010, which sets out how this Board intends to achieve FT status, with the milestones we will adopt and what we expect to have achieved within the next twelve months and two years.

I have discussed this with the Chief Executive who is meeting the Strategic Health Authority Lead in early November to agree our provisional timeline in order for me to provide a response on behalf of the Board to the Secretary of State for Health.

### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

The Trust Board is asked to note the contents of this report.

Mike Little  
**CHAIRMAN**