

TRUST BOARD

Date of Meeting: 08/02/2011		Enclosure: 3
		Agenda Item No: 6
Title of Report: Chairman's Report		
Aims: 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.		
Summary: The matters mentioned in this paper are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Board Cycle of Business • Update on Board Development Plan and priorities for 2011/12 • Foundation Trust – meeting with NHS North West 		
Specific implications for consideration (Financial/Workforce/Risk/Legal/Race Equality etc):		
Financial	No specific implications.	
Workforce/E&D	To ensure the continuing development of Trust Board business.	
FT	Update on Foundation Trust position.	
Recommendations: The Trust Board is asked to note the contents of this report.		
Document previously approved by: Report directly to the Trust Board.		
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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. UPDATE ON BOARD CYCLE OF BUSINESS

Board members will recall the update given in my January report regarding key items to be progressed during quarter four of this financial year, to ensure we deliver our agreed cycle of business.

The Executive Management Team has reviewed the outstanding items, which will be scheduled into the March and April Board meetings.

The outcome of the clinical strategy work will clearly be a key component in relation to reviewing the organisations medium term financial plan and supporting aims and objectives.

3. UPDATE ON BOARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PRIORITIES FOR 2011/12

I have reviewed the existing Board Development Plan with the Chief Executive and Company Secretary to ensure we report to the Board on the development activities we have undertaken during the year as well as where we need to focus particular attention to during 2011/12. This will be discussed with the Board at our next away day.

In addition to the Board Development Plan I have also discussed with the Chief Executive and Company Secretary the key priorities in terms of the Board business for 2011/12. I have agreed that a programme of visits will be set up from April 2011 to ensure visibility of the Trust Board on the Board meeting days across our two hospital sites. Whilst it will be important to ensure this is done in a managed way for both the staff and privacy and dignity of patients, it is important that the Trust Board is visible and accessible to our staff.

Another key area for the Board next year will be the strategic stakeholder relations, particularly how we interact and engage with the Lead GP Commissioners from 1 April 2011 and Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust from a community services perspective.

4. FOUNDATION TRUST (FT) STATUS – MEETING WITH NHS NORTH WEST

A meeting was called by Sir David Henshaw on 24 January 2011 to meet the Department of Health Lead Provider, Ian Dalton regarding FT issues. A small number of Acute Trust Chairs and Chief Executive's were present at the meeting, where key areas of concern were discussed regarding the current FT pipeline.

Ian Dalton asked each representative of the Trusts present to outline where they currently were with their FT plans and what their major areas of concern were. The main areas of concern related to financial sustainability and affordability, particularly Trusts with large PFI schemes.

5. RECOMMENDATION

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

Mike Little
CHAIRMAN