

TRUST BOARD

Date of Meeting: 10/05/2011		Enclosure: 3
		Agenda Item No: 5
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"> ▪ New Non Executive Director ▪ Venue for Public Board meetings in Carlisle ▪ Exception report on Board Cycle of Business 2011/12 		
Specific implications for consideration (Financial/Workforce/Risk/Legal/Race Equality etc):		
Financial	No specific implications.	
Workforce/E&D	No specific implications.	
Recommendations: The Trust Board is asked to note the report.		
Document previously approved by: Report directly to the Trust Board.		
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**TRUST BOARD
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
MAY 2011**

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. NEW NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I would like to formally welcome Professor Vicki Bruce to the Board as a new Non Executive Director following the resignation of Professor Chollerton in April 2011.

Professor Bruce is the Head of the School of Psychology at Newcastle University and has been appointed with effect from 1 April 2011 for a term of office of four years, up to and including 31 March 2015.

3. PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS IN CARLISLE

Colleagues will be aware of the challenges we have had regarding holding public meetings in the Board Room on the Cumberland Infirmary Site and its inaccessibility for disabled members of our local public to attend. The Company Secretary has reviewed the options available to ensure we hold meetings in venues which are accessible to all members of staff and the local public.

It is important to highlight that whilst meetings off site were considered as an option, both myself and the Chief Executive do not feel that incurring additional costs given the Trust's financial position was acceptable at this time.

A solution has been found on site at the Cumberland Infirmary to hold future public Board meetings in the Education Centre. Further details will continue to be publicised in the normal manner prior to each Board meeting.

4. EXCEPTION REPORT ON BOARD CYCLE OF BUSINESS 2011/12

In April 2011 the Trust Board approved a new cycle of business for 2011/12. To ensure robust monitoring is in place my report includes any exceptions on items which have been delayed or given a revised date to be presented to the Board.

4.1 Exceptions to Business Cycle as at 1 May 2011

Board Cycle Item	Revised Date and Rationale
Sign off of Assurance Framework for 2010/11 (Q4 position)	This will be presented to the Board in June 2011. The end of year position is currently being reviewed as part of preparing for the end of year reporting.
Gifts and Hospitality Register	The Trust Board were updated at the last meeting that a revised policy regarding declarations of gifts and hospitality was being prepared. I have therefore agreed with the Company Secretary that an updated register in accordance with the new policy will be presented to the Board in July 2011.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Trust Board is asked to note the report.

Mike Little
CHAIRMAN