

**TRUST BOARD**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> 17/01/2012	<b>Agenda Item No:</b> 8.4	<b>Enclosure:</b> 11
<b>Intended Outcome:</b>		
<b>For noting</b> ✓	<b>For information</b>	<b>For decision</b>
<b>Title of Report: West Cumberland Hospital Deanery Visit</b>		
<b>Aims:</b> To update the Trust Board on the action plan, which has been put in place following the Deanery visit to West Cumberland Hospital.		
<b>Executive Summary:</b>		
<p>In November 2011, the Northern Deanery visited the Trust following concerns which had been raised regarding the educational experience of trainees and potential patient safety concerns.</p> <p>The visit involved meeting senior Trust colleagues, both clinical and administrative, as well as interviewing trainees, medical and consultant staff.</p> <p>The Trust received a confidential report, following the visit which outlined a number of recommendations for the Trust to implement. The recommendations related to different aspects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The governance arrangements and support for medical trainees</li> <li>• Systems and working practices</li> <li>• Induction and supervision for medical trainees</li> </ul> <p>The Trust has been working closely with the Deanery to put in place an action plan, which is summarised at appendix 1. Regular meetings with the Chief Executive, Senior Directors, Consultant Team at Whitehaven and the Medical Division have been established to deliver the key areas in the action plan.</p> <p>The Trust has discussed with the Deanery the future ways of working for Medicine across the two hospital sites, which links to the implementation of the clinical strategy and associated programmes of work for example development of the integrated emergency floor.</p> <p>The Deanery will be undertaking a follow up to their visit and progress with implementing the action plan, which will be reported to the Board in March 2012.</p>		
<b>Specific implications and links to the Trust's Strategic Aims:</b>		
<b>Ensure we provide high quality, safe and effective care for all our patients including meeting essential standards of safety and quality as set out by the CQC</b>		✓
<b>Develop a viable integrated clinical strategy for secondary care services which is sustainable and affordable</b>		
<b>Develop a new healthcare facility in West Cumbria that is fit for the 21st century</b>		

<b>Achieve sustainable financial balance through the delivery of the Trust's internal Cost Improvement Programme, securing a viable contract income from our GP commissioners and contributing to the system wide cost reductions</b>	
<b>To develop and implement a successful merger or acquisition plan that enables the Trust to become part of an existing NHS Foundation Trust</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b> That the Board NOTES the report and the action plan attached at Appendix 1.	
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