

TRUST BOARD

Date of Meeting: 25/6/2013	Agenda Item No: 1	Enclosure: 1
Intended Outcome:		
For noting	For information	For decision ✓
Title of Report: Chairman's Overview		
Aims:		
<p>To consider the key business of the Trust Board as it moves forward into the final stages of the Acquisition by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</p>		
Executive Summary:		
<p>This past month has seen two major, staff development exercises, which I suggest are harbingers of the management style that our staff can expect in future. On 14 June, the Medical Director led the first of what will become regular "Patient Safety Days", at the University of Cumbria's Fusehill campus; and on 18 June, the Director of Governance led a consultation and training exercise on the handling of public complaints.</p> <p>The Patient Safety Day involved nearly 120 staff from CIC, drawn from all professional backgrounds, to work together in ward-based teams (of about 8 in each team). They received some excellent presentations, including 2 powerful patient stories; and the afternoon ended with each team outlining a planned improvement in their way of working. The enthusiastic participation of all involved was hugely reassuring. A similar exercise is being planned for staff at WCH on 12 July.</p> <p>The training exercise on complaints involved about 70 middle management from both sites. After some consideration of the Trust's current performance, there was a presentation of the findings and recommendations of the Francis Report, before a wider discussion of changes that might be introduced. Again, it was so encouraging to see how actively everyone engaged in this workshop.</p> <p>Holding these two major training events, at the same time as the Trust is dealing with the extra demands from the Keogh Review and from a current CQC inspection at WCH, is a testimony to the drive and urgency being shown by the senior management team.</p> <p>On the acquisition, we are in the final stages of discussions about the Business Transaction Agreement.</p>		

Specific implications and links to the Trust's Strategic Aims:	
We deliver excellent clinical outcomes along closely integrated pathways	✓
We provide excellent patient-centred services	✓
We deliver excellence in safety, quality and regulatory compliance	✓
We deliver efficient care and work within budgets	✓
Recommendations:	
Board members are requested to approve the report.	
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