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Title of Report:	Chief Executive's Report
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Appendices	Appendix 1 – Letter from Sir David Nicholson to Chief Executives

1.	Purpose of Report (Including link to objectives)
The purpose of the Chief Executive's Report is to highlight key developments within the Trust which have taken place since the last Board meeting.	

2.	Summary of Key Issues for Discussion						
<p>2.1 Care Quality Commission Responsive Visit The Care Quality Commission (CQC) made an unannounced responsive inspection of the Trust between 4th – 6th February 2013. This inspection resulted from feedback from the local health community and focused on how the Trust discharged patients. The CQC also reviewed the Trust's use of the Day Surgery Unit as an escalation area, when the hospital was having to deal with unprecedented numbers of emergency patients. At the time of writing this report only verbal feedback had been received from the CQC and the Trust was working closely with the Regulators to address their concerns. Once the inspection report has been finalised this will be presented to the Trust Board.</p> <p>2.2 Operational Performance High levels of emergency activity continued during January 2013. Declaration of black escalation for the whole health community between 4 – 7th January did yield some respite to the RUH's operational pressures. However, it quickly became apparent that the spreading of the operational pressures across the health and social community was giving cause for concern in relation to staffing and community capacity. All partners have identified what additional actions can be reasonably taken in order to respond to the immediate to short term challenges. It is unlikely that these actions will be sufficient to return to normal operating capacity and levels of activity within the hospital. As a consequence the 4hour recovery plan is being closely monitored by the weekly taskforce as a means of controlling the risk and ensuring patient safety.</p> <p>2.3 NHS Litigation Authority Inspection The Trust was assessed by the NHS Litigation Authority on 12th February 2013 against their Risk Management Standards. The assessment was a follow up to the assessment in February 2012 where the Trust was unsuccessful at level 2.</p> <p>The Trust achieved NHSLA level 1 compliance in all of the standards. A report on the outcome of the inspection will be presented to the Trust Board in March 2013.</p> <p>2.4 Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry Sir David Nicholson, Chief Executive for the NHS, wrote to all Chief Executive's on 6th</p>							
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February 2013 regarding the Robert Francis report of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry asking that the findings of the report be discussed in the context of the services that the RUH provides. A copy of Sir David Nicholson's letter can be found at Appendix I.

Our response to the Francis report will be discussed in full at the February Public Trust Board meeting.

A full copy of the Francis report can be found via:
<http://www.midstaffspublicinquiry.com/report>

2.5 2012 New Year Honours Award Ceremony

The Trust held its 2012 New Year Honours Award Ceremony on Friday, 1st February 2013 at the Assembly Rooms in Bath. The ceremony was a huge success and acknowledged the dedication, innovation and hard work of our staff. A number of awards were presented on the evening including recognising loyalty for both 25 and 35 years of service as well as those staff who won an NHS Hero award .

Other award winners were:

- Research & Development Award – Stroke Research Team
- Chief Executive's Customer Care Award of the Year - Amie Briggs, Ward Manager on Haygarth Ward
- Patient Safety Award - Anne Plaskitt, Senior Nurse for Quality Improvement
- Most Innovative Team of the Year - Pulmonary Hypertension Specialist Team
- Team of the Year Award – Midford Ward

2.6 NHS Foundation Trust Update

As at 18th February 2013, 5,932 public members have signed up to support the Trust's NHS Foundation Trust application.

A meeting of our shadow Council of Governors will be taking place on 8th March 2013, 10:00am - 12:00pm at the Weston Methodist Church, Kennington Road, Bath, BA1 3EA. This is a public meeting. The Council of Governors will continue to operate in shadow form until we are authorised as an NHS Foundation Trust.

Our eighth "Caring for you" event took place on 29th January 2013; over 80 members attended the event to find out more about what we're doing to improve end of life care at the RUH. Attendees took part in different discussion groups throughout the evening. If you would like a copy of the summary document following the event please contact the Membership Office on 01225 821299.

2.7 Trust Board Secretary

Our Trust Board Secretary, Eric Sanders, will be leaving the Trust on 30th April 2013 to join Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust as their Trust Board Secretary.

2.8 Consultant Appointments

Mr Stuart Gillett was appointed as a Consultant in Otolaryngology and Head & Neck

Surgery on 30th January 2013. Mr Gillett is in the process of completing his specialist training and is currently based at North Bristol NHS Trust. His start date is to be confirmed.

3. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss etc)

The Board is asked to note the report.

4. Care Quality Commission Outcomes (which apply)

Not applicable

5. Legal / Regulatory Implications (NHSLA / Value for Money Conclusion etc)

Not applicable

6. NHS Constitution

None identified

7. Risk (Threats or opportunities link to risk on register etc)

Strategic and environmental risks are considered by the Board on a regular basis and key items are reported through this report.

8. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)

Not applicable

9. Equality and Diversity

Not applicable

10. Communication

Not applicable

11. References to previous reports

The Chief Executive submits a report to every Trust Board meeting.

12. Freedom of Information

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