

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	22
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Title of Report:	Chief Executive's Report
Status:	For Information
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Appendices	

1. Executive Summary of the Report
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. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss)
The Board is asked to note the report.

3. Legal / Regulatory Implications
Not applicable

4. Risk (Threats or opportunities, link to a risk on the Risk Register, Board Assurance Framework etc)
Strategic and environmental risks are considered by the Board on a regular basis and key items are reported through this report.

5. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)
Not applicable

6. Equality and Diversity
Not applicable

7. References to previous reports
The Chief Executive submits a report to every Board of Directors meeting.

8. Freedom of Information
Public

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

1.1 NHS Long Term Plan

The NHS Long Term Plan was published on 7th January 2019 and sets out the how the £20.5 billion budget settlement for the NHS will be used over the next five years to improve the quality of patient care and outcomes. The plan focuses on building an NHS fit for the future by:

- enabling everyone to get the best start in life
- helping communities to live well
- helping people to age well

The plan has been developed in partnership with frontline health and care staff, patients and their families. It will improve outcomes for major diseases, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and dementia. Further information on the plan can be found via <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>

1.2 100,000 Genomes Project reaches target

The project to sequence the genetic makeup of 100,000 NHS patients reached its target in December 2018. The RUH was part of the West of England Genomic Medicine Centre and contributed more than 4000 whole genome samples taken from consenting patients and family members. The pioneering 100,000 Genomes Project was set up in 2012 with the goal of harnessing whole genome sequencing technology to improve diagnosis and treatment of patients with rare inherited diseases and cancer.

1.3 New X-ray Machine for Cardiac Care

The Catheter Laboratory 1 at the Trust has been refurbished, including the control and equipment rooms, and a new X-ray machine has also been installed. The new X-ray machine provides a far clearer image of the coronary arteries, while its specialist software packages allows staff to see and position coronary stents in far more detail. The machine is one of the newest from GE and will enable the Trust to complete procedures using less radiation, which is beneficial to both patients and staff.

1.4 Modular Ward

A new modular ward arrived on the RUH site in January, marking the start of a major five-year improvement and maintenance project. Work is now underway to fit out and equip the ward internally and to link it to the main hospital by a new corridor, to be ready for use in early 2019. The new ward will, act as a decant ward providing space to allow another 16 wards, one at a time, to move in while upgrading and refurbishment work takes place in the vacated area. The modular ward has a maximum of 27 beds and is built to a very high standard to offer all the facilities found in a modern hospital ward.

1.5 Smokefree site

All RUH sites became smokefree on 1st January 2019. Tobacco smoking is not permitted on site, but vaping is allowed outdoors. Smoking shelters on Trust grounds have been removed. The Trust is providing support for staff to stop smoking completely or help to manage cravings while at work. The Trust also runs the Healthy Choices initiative, which involves screening inpatients where needed, providing advice about smoking and alcohol consumption. If appropriate, the patient is referred for further support. Nicotine replacement therapies like gum and patches are also available for inpatients.

1.6 Update on RUH Membership

As at 23rd January 2018, 11,775 public Members have signed up to support the RUH NHS Foundation Trust. Together with staff members we now have over 16,600 Members. We are always actively seeking new members to help us shape the future of the hospital and as a member of the Trust you can influence many aspects of the healthcare we provide.

By becoming a Member, our staff, patients and local community are given the opportunity to influence how the hospital is run and the services that it provides. Membership is completely free and offers three different levels of involvement. Through the Council of Governors, Members are given a greater say in the development of the hospital and can have a direct influence in the development of services.

1.7 Caring for You

Our most recent Caring for You event took place on 23rd January 2019 and focused on Living With and Beyond Cancer, the session was well attended and extremely well received. Attendees learnt more about how the RUH supports patient with living with and beyond cancer as well as receiving updates on the Cancer Rehabilitation Service and Prostate Cancer Living Well Workshop.

Our next Caring for You event will focus on The Value of Therapies and will take place on 13th March 2019 at 18:30 at the RUH. Places must be booked so please contact the Membership office on 01225 821262 or via email at RUHmembership@nhs.net

1.8 Senior Management Appointments

Sue Milloy has been appointed to the role of Deputy Director of Nursing and Midwifery following an interview process on 11th January 2019. Sue has been a registered general nurse for over 25 years, having initially specialised in Emergency Nursing in West Yorkshire. Sue has held a number of senior nursing and management roles in the NHS including Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Matron, Deputy Chief Operating Officer and most recently Divisional Chief Nurse for Medicine at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

1.9 Consultant Appointments

Dr Kate O'Brien, Dr Edward Coats and Dr Zoey Robinson were appointed as Consultants in Obstetrics and Gynaecology on 29th November 2018. Dr O'Brien and Dr Coats currently work as Locum Consultants at the RUH. Dr Robinson is working as a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust and her start date is to be confirmed.

Dr Christopher Tate was appointed as a Consultant in Paediatrics on 3rd December 2018. Dr Tate is currently working as a Registrar in General Paediatrics at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and due to start in his new role on 18th March 2019.

Dr Nico Webb and Dr Tobias Hunt were appointed as Consultants in Paediatrics on 3rd December 2018, both are working as Locum Consultants in Paediatrics at the Trust. Dr Webb started in his new role on 9th January 2019 with Dr Hunt's start date to be confirmed.

Dr Damien Wood, Dr Rebecca Leslie and Dr Tim Cominos were appointed as Consultants in Anaesthesia on 10th December 2018. Dr Wood was already working at the RUH as a Speciality Doctor in Anaesthesia and started his new role on 1st January 2019. Dr Leslie is currently working as a Locum Consultant in Anaesthesia at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and will start on 4th March 2019. Dr Cominos currently works as a

Consultant in Anaesthesia at North Bristol NHS Trust and is due to start in his new role on 1st April 2019.

Dr Alasdair Miller and Dr Natalie Gaskell were appointed as Consultants in Elderly Care Medicine on 18th December 2018. As Dr Miller was already working as a Locum Consultant in Elderly Care Medicine at the Trust he started his new role on 2nd January 2019. Dr Gaskell currently works as a Locum Consultant in Geriatric Medicine at Gloucestershire NHS Foundation Trust and will start her new role on 1st April 2019.

Dr Mark Edwards was appointed as Consultant in Acute Medicine on 14th January 2019. Dr Edwards currently works as Clinical Lead in Acute Medicine at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and his start date is to be confirmed.