

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	18
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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 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics Department

The Trust's new Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics Department has moved into its new home in the hospital. This was a significant investment by the Trust to support the department as a centre of excellence. It has new x-ray equipment, four modern consulting rooms, a fully-equipped orthodontics suite, two minor operations rooms, an updated dental laboratory, and a bright and welcoming reception and waiting area.

1.2 Sustainability Awards

Our Sustainability Team have been shortlisted for four NHS Sustainability awards in the procurement, infrastructure, staff engagement and public engagement categories. The national awards showcase action and innovation on creating a more sustainable NHS. The nominations are for employee plant room tours for the staff engagement category, an air pollution campaign for the public engagement campaign, the relocation of the Spiritual Care Centre which was nominated for the infrastructure award for its innovative design and build and a procurement nomination for becoming a 'fresh cook' hospital selecting local producers, healthy foods and reducing food miles.

1.3 Patient Recovery Fitness Programme

A new exercise programme has been introduced for patients recovering from a life-threatening pulmonary embolism. The specialist exercise classes, thought to be the only one of their kind available in the country, are supporting patients to overcome their fears and return to active lifestyles after suffering from a pulmonary embolism – a blood clot on the lungs.

1.4 RUH Healthcare Science Day for Students

The Trust recently held a successful Healthcare Science Week workshop for local sixth form students, to highlight the wide range of careers available in the NHS. Healthcare scientists make up approximately 5% of the total NHS workforce, but their work underpins over 80% of all clinical decisions. Students had the chance to experience some hands-on scientific activities – including exploring how advanced computer software is used by the Radiotherapy Physics team to plan radiotherapy treatment for cancer patients. There was also the chance to learn from staff from 12 other different healthcare science specialties.

1.5 Staff Achievement – 50 Years of Service

A huge congratulations to Brenda Oliveira, who's worked for 50 years as a Health Care Assistant at the RNHRD – all of that time on the night shift. Brenda, now 82, still works a number of shifts every week. Brenda was guest of honour at a celebration party at the Min, where family, friends and colleagues raised a toast and presented her with flowers, a long service certificate and commemorative glass award.

1.6 RUH Membership

We are always actively seeking new members to help us shape the future of the hospital. As 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.

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1.7 Caring for You

Our next Caring for You event will focus on Research and Development here at the RUH. The event will take place on 28th May 2019 at 18:00 in our Post Graduate Medical Centre. Why not come along and learn more? Places must be booked so please contact the Membership office on 01225 821262 or via email at RUHmembership@nhs.net

1.8 Consultant Appointments

Dr Piladuwa Sakitha Paranehewa was appointed as a Consultant Gastroenterologist on 2nd April 2019. Dr Paranehewa is currently working as a Gastroenterology Specialist Registrar at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust and her start date is to be confirmed.

Dr Eve Bassett was appointed as a Consultant in Paediatrics on 8th April 2019. Dr Bassett currently works as a Consultant General Paediatrician at Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust and her start date is to be confirmed.