

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	18
Date of Meeting:	27 November 2019		

Title of Report:	Chief Executive's Report
Status:	For Information
Board Sponsor:	James Scott, Chief Executive
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Appendices	None

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 National Hip Fracture Database Annual Report

The National Medical Director and National Clinical Director of NHS England and NHS Improvement wrote to the Chief Executive on 13th November 2019 to advise that the National Hip Fracture Database annual report, which is due to be published on 12th December 2019, has highlighted the excellent standard of care provided at the Trust.

Older patients with hip fracture are frail and vulnerable and achieving a good outcome requires a high standard of care throughout the patient's journey. This includes prompt admission through the Emergency Department, excellent care on the ward, a high standard of surgery and anaesthesia, medical care from dedicated physicians in health care of the elderly, rehabilitation and work to prevent further falls and fractures.

The National Hip Fracture Database report shows that the Trust is one of the top two performing Trusts in the country for mortality, with a survival rate more than three standard deviations above the national mean.

1.2 National Appointments

Consultant Radiologist, Dr Graham Robinson, became President of the British Society of Thoracic Imaging in November. Dr Richard Graham, Deputy Medical Director and Consultant Radiologist, was made President Elect of the British Nuclear Medicine Society in April 2019, and will become President in May 2020.

1.3 RUH Leads the Way in Ground-Breaking Test for Pre-eclampsia

Pregnant women can now find out earlier if they are at risk of developing potentially life-threatening pre-eclampsia thanks to a new blood test which is being used at the Trust.

The Trust is one of the first in the country to use the new test, which measures the levels of a protein made by the placenta, called placental growth factor (PIGF). Studies have shown that women with very low levels of PIGF are more likely to develop severe pre-eclampsia and require treatment, which may include the need to give birth early.

1.4 RUH Critical Care Unit Celebrates Charity Donations

Staff at the RUH Critical Care Unit are celebrating generous charity donations that will help support its major refurbishment project and modernise and further improve patient care.

The hospital League of Friends has donated £150,000 to the Unit to install new electronic equipment – called patient service columns – beside each patient's bed. The £150,000 target was set by the hospital's charity, The Forever Friends Appeal, and has been exceeded thanks to the League of Friends, local Rotary Clubs and individual donors.

1.5 Specialist Support for People Diagnosed with Sight Loss Introduced at RUH

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and the Trust have launched a new service providing emotional and practical support to people newly diagnosed with sight loss.

A new Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) works alongside health professionals to offer support and advice to blind and partially sighted people on a range of areas. These include independent living, returning to work, benefit entitlements, emotional support, and coping at home.

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1.6 RUH's Optometry Team Sets its Sights on top award

The Optometry Team at the Trust has made it to the finals of a national competition – and now needs help from patients and the public to scoop the top prize. Voting is now open and members of the public have until 18th December 2019 to say who they think should take the top accolade. Members of the public can cast their vote, and find out more about the awards, by visiting www.aop.org.uk/awards

The team is on the shortlist in the Hospital Optometry Team of the Year category in the Association of Optometrists (AOP) Awards taking place on 26th January 2020, which recognise the highest levels of achievement in UK optics.

1.7 Senior Management Appointments

Clare O'Farrell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, has taken up a secondment as Director of Community and Joint Commissioning for the Wiltshire Locality at Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Sustainable Transformation Partnership (BSW STP). from Monday, 11th November 2019.

Dr Robin Fackrell has stepped down from his role as Head of Division, Medicine to take up a new role as Associate Medical Director with the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Sustainable Transformation Partnership (BSW STP). Robin will be supporting the Ageing Well Strategy across the STP, including ways to improve care and support for people with frailty.

Following an interview process on 7th November 2019, Dr Ben Colleypriest, Clinical Lead for Gastroenterology, has been appointed as Head of Division for Medicine. Ben will be taking up this post from the start of December and has a wealth of leadership experience at the RUH, as Clinical Lead for Gastroenterology for three years and Endoscopy Lead for three years before that.

1.8 Consultant Appointments

Dr Naila Dinani was appointed as a Consultant in Dermatology on 5th November 2019 and is currently and STR in Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals. Dr Dinani's start date is to be confirmed.

Dr Philip Robson was appointed as a Consultant in Haematology on 18th November 2019 and is currently working as a Specialty Director and Consultant Haematologist in Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, his start date is to be confirmed.

Dr James Murray was appointed as a Consultant in Haematology on 18th November 2019 and is currently working as a locum consultant in Haematology at the Trust. His substantive start date is to be confirmed.

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