

BOARD SUMMARY SHEET	
Title	Chief Executive's Report
Submitted by	Paul Forden – Chief Executive
Date of meeting	
Corporate Objectives Addressed	
SUMMARY OF CRITICAL POINTS	
PATIENT IMPACT	
STAFF IMPACT	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
RISK ASSESSMENT	
RECOMMENDATION The Board is asked to note the report.	

Summary

I am delighted to report that the Trust has met all of the Key National targets. This includes those for maximum waiting times, cancer waiting and treatment times, A&E transit times and reducing MRSA and C Difficile infections. We have been able to achieve all of this and still deliver our required financial surplus.

Our aim though is not solely to deliver reduced waiting times although it is important that we are able to do this. We must also ensure that the care that we deliver is safe, effective and centered on the needs of the patient. This is why it is so important that we examine the report into Mid Staffs and identify how we can learn from their mistakes. We will discuss this in more detail later on our agenda.

Other News

Home Birth Team launched

It is Department of Health policy to give women a greater choice in where they give birth, and NGH already has a good record in providing a home birth to women who choose one. Around six per cent of the babies we deliver are home births, well above the national average. However that figure could rise further with the launch this month of a new Home Birth Team - thirteen midwives who will be taking on the care of all women who choose to birth at home.

The women's antenatal care will be offered at home, by their named midwife within the team, and they will then be given the opportunity to meet other team members at antenatal workshops, to increase the likelihood of them having met the midwife who will care for them in labour. The new system will provide greater continuity of care, and we are confident that all women will receive an even higher standard of care as a result.

Regulator grants NGH a licence to provide care

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has given NGH an unconditional licence to provide services under a new, tougher system for regulating standards in the NHS.

From 1 April, all NHS trusts in England have to be registered with the CQC by law to provide care. To be registered, trusts must show they meet new essential standards of quality and safety, which the regulator will constantly monitor.

The new standards cover important issues for patients such as treating people with respect, involving them in decisions about care, keeping clinical areas clean, and ensuring services are safe. Under the new system, trusts will be judged on the outcomes and experiences of patients, not just whether there are systems and processes in place.

Mums and nurses skydive for Gosset

Gosset ward staff are being joined by grateful mums for the first fund-raising event of their new charity committee. The neonatal ward, which looks after about one in ten of

all babies born at NGH, often receives donations from mums and dads whose babies have spent time on the unit. Now staff have targeted a £30,000 incubator and have decided to launch their own committee to attract cash for it and other new equipment as quickly as possible, with a skydive being its first event in June. Twelve people will be taking part - six nurses, one doctor, and five mums of babies who have been cared for on the unit. The skydive will take place on 8 June at Hinton-in-the-Hedges airfield.

New development scheme for nurses

A corporate preceptorship programme has been set up to provide extra support to all new nurses and midwives during their first year with the trust. The programme will be open to nurses and midwives who are either newly qualified, returning to practice, or coming from overseas, and also to others at the discretion of their manager.

Everyone joining the programme will be allocated a named preceptor from their ward or work area, who will be available for support and guidance during their first year. Nurses will receive two study days a month for seven months, with corporate and directorate specific sessions, ensuring that everyone benefits from a standardised approach. The programme will enable people to develop to their full potential, become more confident and satisfied in their work - and ultimately improve patient experience, quality and safety.