

BOARD SUMMARY SHEET	
Title	Chief Executive's Report
Submitted by	Paul Forden – Chief Executive
Date of meeting	4 th October 2010
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

We are currently undergoing a public consultation on our Foundation Trust application and are encouraging our staff and members of the public to give us their views and comments. The consultation closes on 12 November 2010.

We were able to promote our application at this year's very well attended AGM and Open Day. I would like to pay tribute and pass on my thanks to all of our staff for making this such an excellent day.

There has been some media coverage of the PCTs plans to divest itself of its community services provider arm. This is a Department of Health requirement. The PCT have asked us to consider whether we would be prepared to take on responsibility for the community beds in Daventry as well as run the minor injuries unit known as MIAMI. We have agreed to consider these requests but will need to undertake a due diligence exercise before we are able to bring any firm recommendations to the Board for consideration.

We continue to deliver against all of the National targets whilst remaining within budget.

Other News

NGH to design national improvement programme for therapy services

Northampton General Hospital has been chosen from more than 2,000 applications nationally to receive £77,000 from the Regional Innovation Fund (RIF) to develop, test and evaluate an improvement programme focusing on therapy services. Physiotherapy and occupational therapy teams working on the acute medicine wards will be involved in developing and testing the programme. Our aim is to support the development and spread of innovative practice and the work we do with therapies at NGH will be shared regionally and nationally once complete.

NGH was also successful in being granted a further £200,000, which will be shared with Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, to help prevent unnecessary hospital admissions across the county and improve support for patients following discharge from hospital. We will be working with our colleagues in the Primary Care Trust, Kettering General Hospital and Social Services to develop an integrated pathways team. The team will work together to help prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital and also work with hospital wards when patients are admitted to assess patients for discharge much quicker, and identify those who will need support services on discharge

NGH puts history on display

Eleven panels depicting the [history of Northampton General Hospital](#) have recently been installed along the North Street area of the hospital corridors.

The panels, covering the hospital's history from the founding of the first hospital in the town, St John's, in Bridge Street, to the present day form part of a wider hospital arts project aimed at improving the whole hospital environment for staff, patients and visitors.

The next project is 'Faces of NGH', where we will have groups of photographs at specific locations along the main hospital street and other corridors that depict NGH staff doing their jobs. We want to not only highlight the variety of roles/tasks undertaken by staff across our hospital, but also to 'bring the hospital to life' for our visitors.

Green Heart Day/NGH Open Day & AGM

The NGH Charity held its first Green Heart day on 17th September, when staff at all levels were involved in a range of activities to help raise funds for the charity. The day was a great success and was followed on Saturday 18th September by our open day and AGM. Both events were extremely well attended and we have received extremely positive feedback from people who came along to both the AGM the open day. There was something of interest for everyone.

Visitors invited to sample hospital food

Visitors to the hospital in July and August were invited to taste sample dishes and give their verdict on hospital food. The event on 17th August was covered by the local media, including BBC Look East. A member of the communications team delivered some sample dishes to BBC Radio Northampton for tasting on the breakfast show and the health reporter from the Chronicle & Echo came along on the day and tasted all the dishes himself.

The Trust received extremely positive media coverage and our catering team were commended for the variety and tastiness of the food they prepare for our patients.

