

Trust Board

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From: Mr Trevor Campbell Davis, Chief Executive

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Subject: **Chief Executive's Report**

For: **Information**

This short report summarises Trust performance and matters of current interest.

1. The Trust delivered a surplus of £200,000 in May, in line with plan. PCT income exceeded plan by £1.2 million and private patient income by £100,000. Further information is set out in the accompanying paper from the Director of Finance (TB2008.49).
2. The Trust has begun public consultation to become a Foundation Trust, and has begun membership recruitment. The consultation document and membership leaflets have been sent to a wide range of organisations, including local government bodies, voluntary organisations, businesses, schools and colleges in Oxfordshire and other areas which commission the Trust's services.

A programme of activities is being organised over the summer to provide recruitment information for membership and to ensure consultation at local community events. Public open meetings are being held on each of the hospital sites in July and September.

3. Lord Darzi's New Stage Review of the NHS was published on 30 June. It is based on the recommendations of a number of regional clinical workstreams, which included ORH representatives. Of particular significance to the Trust is the recommendation that a small number of Academic Health Science Centres be created, which will bring together NHS and University partners. In the light of this, we are discussing the recommendations of Lord Darzi's report with the University of Oxford.
4. This month marks the 60th anniversary of the creation of the NHS. The Trust has celebrated this in a number of ways. Neurosciences staff worked with an independent production team on a documentary featuring the work of neurosurgeon Mr Jay Jayamohan and his team, who treated a 14-year old girl with a brain tumour. A team from BBC News 24 spent all day with the Trust on 30 June,

carrying out interviews with a range of clinical staff. On the same day, the BBC National News team used the John Radcliffe as a backdrop for news broadcasts featuring the publication of Lord Darzi's report.

5. On 1 July, the Trust held a 'topping out' ceremony for the new Oxford Heart Centre. The Centre, which will open in 2009, will provide facilities which are particularly aimed at the growing number of cardiac patients who are treated by non-surgical means. The total cost of the project is £29 million and is funded by the Department of Health, Strategic Health Authority and the University of Oxford.
6. Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals has been working with Oxfordshire PCT as it establishes processes for the next stage in the review of women's and children's service at the Horton Hospital. The Trust is represented on the Programme Board, which oversees the 'Better Healthcare for Banbury and surrounding areas' project, and on the Community Partnership, set up to ensure stakeholder involvement in the process. The PCT held two open stakeholder days on 20 and 21 June in Banbury at which the preliminary findings of the healthcare needs assessment of the area were presented.
7. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Sue Donaldson as Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development. Ms Donaldson is at present Director of Human Resources at Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and will commence work in Oxford later this year.
8. We are delighted that Mrs Linda Soderberg, Directorate Manager for Radiological Sciences, was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for her contribution to healthcare. Mrs Soderberg is a radiographer, and has worked for the Trust for 23 years.
9. The Trust has been designated by the Department of Health as one of two centres in the United Kingdom to carry out adult intestinal transplants. We currently carry out pancreas and combined kidney-pancreas transplantation for most of southern and central England, as well as renal transplantation for the six counties surrounding Oxford. Intestinal transplantation is a relatively new type of surgery in this country, and has been of proven benefit since the early 1990s.