

Trust Board meeting 20 November 2008

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Subject	Chief Executive's Report			
Purpose of paper	This short report summarises Trust performance and matters of current interest.			
Board Lead(s)	Mr Trevor Campbell Davis, Chief Executive			
Background papers (if any)				
Action/decision required	The Board is asked to note the report			
Key purpose	Strategy	Assurance	Policy	<u>Performance</u>
Strategic Goal(s)	All			
Strategic Objective(s)	All			
Links to Board Assurance Framework/ Trust Key Risks/Annual Health Check element(s)	Not applicable			
Also considered by	Not applicable			
Resource and financial impact	Not applicable			
Consideration of legal/equality/diversity/engagement issues	Not applicable			
Acronyms and abbreviations used	None			

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1. The Trust achieved a surplus of £711,000 in September; the surplus for the first half of the year is £6.3 million. Further information is set out in the accompanying paper from the Director of Finance (TB2008.80).
2. The Trust's performance against the A&E four-hour total wait indicator was above the 98% target level for the second quarter of 2008/09. Performance against elective targets remains strong.
3. In the Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check, the Trust was awarded the top rating of 'excellent' for the quality of clinical care. This is a significant improvement from the previous year, and reflects the hard work of all our staff.

The ORH achieved 'fully met' for the core standards and existing national targets, and achieved eight out of ten of the new national targets, leading to the overall score of 'excellent'. The Trust scored 'fair' for use of resources. As a result of the improved Annual Health Check (including ALE) ratings, the delegated limit for the Trust to approve capital business cases has increased to the maximum level of £12 million.

4. On 24 October, the Healthcare Commission published its progress report on adult cardiac surgery at the John Radcliffe Hospital. The report praised the significant progress made by the service, and repeated assurances to patients and the public that the service is safe and well managed. It confirmed that the majority of the recommendations of the action plan, which arose from the Healthcare Commission's review report published in 2007, had been implemented. Staff have worked hard to implement the action plan, and are to be congratulated on this positive report.
5. Lord Darzi's final report of the Next Stage Review, published in June this year, set out the Government's intention to create a small number of Academic Health Science Centres (AHSCs), which will bring together world-class clinical services, teaching and research. There is strong commitment from the ORH, the University of Oxford, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, the Nuffield Orthopaedic Trust, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust and South Central Strategic Health Authority to establish an Oxfordshire AHSC. These organisations are actively working together to develop an application. The AHSC will ensure that patients have access to the widest range of high quality clinical services and benefit from the latest developments in research and innovation, that Oxford will attract and retain high calibre staff, and that training and education are recognised as being of the highest standard.
6. I am pleased to announce that Professor Keith Channon, Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, has been appointed Director of the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre. Professor Channon is an honorary consultant cardiologist with the Trust and has also become a member of the Strategic Partnership Board.
7. The Spires Centre, the new midwifery-led unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital, officially opened on 17 October. The Centre, which provides the opportunity for women to give birth in a more home-like environment, includes rooms equipped

with birthing pools, bean bags and hammock seats, and a sensory room with lighting which can be adjusted to create a relaxing atmosphere. Midwifery-led units have been running for some time in Chipping Norton, Wallingford and Wantage.

8. On 23 October, at the Military and Health Partnership Awards, the ORH was shortlisted for four out of the eight awards presented. The Trust was awarded the Health Improvement and Promotion Award, which was presented by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall and Ms Christine Beasley, the Chief Nursing Officer for England. I congratulate the staff from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on their hard work, and for this excellent example of collaborative working between the RAF and the NHS.
9. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Jeremy (Jerry) Park as Foundation Trust Board Secretary. Mr Park is at present Trust Secretary at Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and will commence work in Oxford in January 2009.