

Board of Directors meeting: Thursday 16 July 2009

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Subject	Chief Executive's Report			
Purpose of paper	To summarise Trust performance and matters of current interest			
Board Lead(s)	Mr Trevor Campbell Davis, Chief Executive.			
Background papers (if any)	-			
Action/decision required	To note the report			
Key purpose	Strategy	Assurance	Policy	<u>Performance</u>
Strategic Goals	All			
Strategic Objectives	All			
Links to Board Assurance Framework/ Trust Key Risks/Annual Health Check element(s)	-			
Also considered by	-			
Resource and financial impact	-			
Consideration of legal/equality/diversity/engagement issues	-			
Acronyms and abbreviations used	BBC: British Broadcasting Corporation ORH: Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals RAF: Royal Air Force USAF: United States Air Force			
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1. The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Trust will take place on Thursday, 16 July, at 3.30 pm, and will this year be held in Banbury Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Ms Julia Cartwright, who is Chair of the Community Partnership Forum of the Better Healthcare Programme. Ms Cartwright will be speaking on the importance of involving patients and the public in the planning of health services, and the ways in which NHS organisations can more actively involve their local communities.

The Annual Meeting will review the performance of the Trust during 2008/09. Copies of the ORH Annual Review will be available both at the meeting and on the Trust's website, and have already been distributed to other organisations and to patient and voluntary groups. Full copies of the Trust's Annual Report will also be available on the website, at [www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk](http://www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk).

2. My last report described the very challenging financial context in which the Trust is operating in 2009/10. The effect on our performance during the first two months of the year is set out in the Director of Finance's report, and is receiving the highest level of Board attention in order to protect the quality and safety of patient services, at a time when substantial financial savings are needed to match expenditure with income.
3. I am pleased to report that Dr Colin Reeves has been reappointed to serve a further term on the Board of Directors of the Trust as a Non-executive Director. He has also been appointed by the Board as Vice-Chairman of the Trust.

Dr Reeves, who previously held positions including national Director of Finance and Performance for the NHS in England and Director of Finance for North West Thames Regional Health Authority, has been a Non-executive Director of the Trust since July 2005. He has made a substantial contribution to the Trust as a Non-executive Director, and his reappointment is welcomed.

4. On 29 June, a ceremony was held at the Churchill Hospital to mark the opening of the new American Garden. The Churchill Hospital has a long standing relationship with the United States military, dating back to the Second World War, when the hospital was originally built to treat air raid casualties. In 1992, coinciding with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Churchill Hospital, an American Garden was founded to celebrate this special relationship. In 2006, the Garden was moved to make way for the building of the new Cancer Centre. It has now been re-established in a prominent position outside the main entrance to the hospital. To mark the occasion, a Harvard Trainer aircraft flew over the hospital at 500ft, and representatives from the USAF and RAF raised the flags of both countries.
5. Also in June, the Trust hosted a team from BBC News at 10. The team, including BBC Health Correspondent Branwen Jeffreys, filmed in the emergency department, wards and outpatient areas of the West Wing of the John Radcliffe Hospital. The filming was used nationally by the BBC in a story about future pressures on NHS finances, and was able to show the importance of quality improvements resulting from new investment at the Trust in recent years.

6. I am also able to report that Mr Jim Easton, Chief Executive of NHS South Central Strategic Health Authority, has recently been appointed NHS National Director of Improvement and Efficiency, and will shortly be taking up his new post. His successor will be announced in due course.

