

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday 26 March 2009

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Subject	Chief Executive's Report			
Purpose of paper	To briefly summarise Trust performance and matters of current interest.			
Board Lead(s)	Mr Trevor Campbell Davis, Chief Executive			
Background papers (if any)	Nil			
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	NHS - National Health Service ORH - Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals			

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1. The Trust remains on target to achieve the planned surplus of £2.3 million for the year to 31 March 2009. Further information is set out in the accompanying paper from the Director of Finance (BD2009.27).
2. On 9 March, the partnership of the ORH, the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, the University of Oxford, and other academic and NHS partners learnt that its bid to become one of the country's first Academic Health Science Centres had not been successful. The decision is a great disappointment; we believe, however, that the preparatory work of the partnership has built a strong foundation for our strategic goal of creating an integrated healthcare system in Oxfordshire.

We are pleased that, in reaching their decision, the reviewing panel emphasised the brilliance of the science and biomedical research carried out by scientists and clinicians in Oxford, and invited a further application in due course. We will therefore continue to put in place the structures that will allow us to integrate our clinical services, teaching and research, and consider carefully what we have learnt from the application process and feedback from the review panel.

3. On 27 February, the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, visited the new Cancer Centre at the Churchill Hospital, while in Oxford to deliver a lecture on science and education at the Sheldonian Theatre. The Prime Minister, who was shown round by staff involved in the development of the Centre, visited inpatient and outpatient areas, operating theatres, the intensive care unit and one of the new state-of-the-art linear accelerators. During his visit, he took time to talk with staff and hear their views on the new facilities. In media interviews, he commented on how impressed he was with the facilities, and the differences they would make to patients.

Nearly 1,000 members of the public and staff took the opportunity to look around the Cancer Centre during an Open Day on 2 March. Visitors had the opportunity to look at all the facilities, and talk to staff throughout the day.

4. On 28 February, over 400 former cardiac patients, their relatives and friends attended an Open Day and launch of a fundraising campaign for the new Oxford Heart Centre. Mr Acer Nethercott, the Olympic silver medallist who coxed the British rowing team, and former cardiology patient of the ORH, gave a presentation on the importance of the work of the new Centre. Guests were able to look around the new facilities and attend lectures given by a number of clinicians, including Dr Bernard Prendergast and Dr Colin Forfar.
5. On 2 and 3 March, the Trust hosted a visit by 24 senior representatives from several large teaching hospitals in Denmark. The representatives included Chief Executives, Medical Directors, clinicians and other executive directors. They were given tours of the Heart Centre, Children's Hospital and West Wing, and received presentations from University and ORH colleagues, including Professor Freddie Hamdy and Mr Chris Hurst. The Danish organiser of the visit, Mr Arne Polstrup, commented

favourably on the enthusiasm and commitment of all staff that he met during the visit and the culture of innovation and improvement in Oxford.

6. At the end of February, the Healthcare Commission inspected all three ORH hospital sites with regard to the Trust's compliance with the Hygiene Code. Apart from their inspection, the Healthcare Commission team conducted interviews with a wide range of staff to validate compliance. The resultant report will be available in several weeks' time.
7. I am pleased to announce that Mr Andrew McLaughlin will commence with the Trust as Chief Operating Officer on 1 April. Mr McLaughlin joins us from Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust, where he is currently the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive.