

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday 21 May 2009

BD2009.36

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			

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

1. The Trust achieved a surplus of £2.4 million in the year to 31 March 2009. Further information is set out in the accompanying paper from the Director of Finance (BD2009.41). I am also pleased to be able to report that the Trust met all patient care and access targets, while gaining an 'excellent' rating from the Healthcare Commission for the quality of our care. During the year, we completed the new Cancer Centre, opened new Geratology facilities at the John Radcliffe Hospital and will shortly open the new Oxford Heart Centre. I should like to thank all our staff who have worked so hard to achieve these successes.
2. Relocation to the Cancer Centre began in March, and the first patients benefited from the new facilities in April. The design of the buildings and the state-of-the-art facilities have been praised by patients, staff and visitors. Media coverage of the new Centre has been extensive; the March Open Day was extremely well attended, and a visit by Members of Parliament is planned for later in the year.
3. On 1 April, the Care Quality Commission replaced the Healthcare Commission as the national regulator of service quality. The Trust has been awarded unconditional registration by the Commission.
4. Three teams have been short-listed for the NHS Regional Health and Social Care Awards. These include the Cardiothoracic Critical Care Unit for innovations in acute care, the Urology Outpatients team for their web-based support forum for testicular cancer patients, and the Young People's Executive (YiPeE), which ensures that the views of children and young people are taken into account in the Children's Hospital. The Trust submitted a total of twelve applications for the Awards, and each application demonstrated an innovative approach to improving patient care. All of the applications will be featured in a forthcoming edition of ORH News, the Trust's in-house magazine.
5. I am pleased to announce that Radio Cherwell, the hospital radio station based at the Churchill Hospital, continues to win awards for its work. This year, Radio Cherwell, which is entirely run by volunteers, was awarded a silver medal in the specialist music section, and was commended in the best speech and best radio station sections.
6. We are pleased to welcome Mr Alisdair Cameron and Mr Geoffrey Salt, who joined the Board as Non-executive Directors of the Trust on 1 May.

Mr Cameron is a chartered accountant, and the Finance Director of British Gas Energy, a FTSE 100 company. Mr Salt has been a main Board Director of Waitrose, with extensive experience of customer service, retail and supply chain strategy.