

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC	Date: 19th December 2013	
	Agenda Item: 2.4	
REPORT TITLE:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT	
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REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)	N/A	
Purpose of the Report and Action Required:		(√)
This report provides members with key updates and highlights from a national and local perspective to inform the Board's understanding of policy or new strategic developments.	Approval	
	Discussion	√
	Information	√
Summary of Key Issues		
National Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding for winter pressures • Publication of Never Ever Events Local Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from TDA Integrated Delivery Meeting • Trauma Unit Annual Assessment 		
Relationship to Trust Corporate Objectives & Assurance Framework:		
Objective 4 – Become a sustainable, effective organisation.		
Corporate Impact Assessment:		
Legal and regulatory implications	Ensures the Board are aware of current and new requirements.	
Financial implications	N/A	
Patient Experience/Engagement	Highlights national requirements in place to improve patient experience.	
Risk & Performance Management	Identifies possible future risks which the Board should consider	
NHS Constitution/Equality & Diversity/Communication	Includes where relevant an update on the NHS Constitution and complies with Equality Legislation	
Attachments: None		

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1. National Issues

1.1 Additional Funding for Winter Pressures

A further £150m will be distributed around England to help local systems maintain standards and reduce pressures on Accident and Emergency departments over the winter. The additional money will come from NHS England's expected surplus for the current financial year and will be distributed among local health systems.

1.2 Publication of Never Ever Events

From 12 December 2013, as stated in the government's response to the Francis inquiry, NHS England began publishing data on never events in greater detail, including number and type of never event by reporting organisation. This will initially cover data reported between April and September 2013, as well as less detailed data for the whole of 2012/13. NHS England will continue to publish this data quarterly, and then on a monthly basis from April 2014.

One never event is one too many and every organisation where a never event has occurred should be examining the incident carefully, investigating the root causes for it happening and putting in place robust actions to ensure that it is not repeated.

During this period SaSH reported one never event and this has previously been discussed by the Board.

2. Local Issues

2.1 Feedback from TDA Integrated Delivery Meeting

Following the first Integrated Delivery Meeting with the TDA on 14th November, Dr Stephen Dunn, Director of Delivery and Development (South) wrote to the Trust to confirm that SaSH is an organisation with an expectation of operational delivery. Our A&E performance remains consistently strong and there is confidence and an expectation that performance will be maintained throughout the winter. There was also an acknowledgement that Trust has more to do. Our proposed Foundation Trust timeline was also agreed.

2.2 Trauma Unit Assessment

Last year the trust was officially designated as a Trauma Unit and in order to retain this status we have to pass an annual inspection. Thank you to the clinicians and the many different teams for their great work over the last year and for updating the panel on the progress we've made. The Board will be pleased to know that on 6th December the unit passed the annual assessment. This is good news for our staff and for local people.

3. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the report.

Michael Wilson
Chief Executive
December 2013