

Update from the Chief Medical Officer

For: Information

Summary: The report updates the Board on key developments / matters from medical perspective since the last Trust Board meeting.

Action: *The Board is asked to note the report and agree any actions for issues highlighted in the report as required.*

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Notes:

Trust objective:	Please list number and statement this paper relates to. <i>The Board Committees support the achievement of all of the Trust objectives.</i>
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Legal:	What are the legal considerations and implications linked to this item? Please name relevant act
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Regulation:	What aspect of regulation applies and what are the outcome implications? This applies to <u>any</u> regulatory body – key regulators include: Care Quality Commission, MHRA, NPSA & Audit Commission
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Audience	Trust Board Members

The following report summarises the key issues / news / events / developments / etc.

SASH awarded Associate University Hospital status

The executive of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and the Vice Chancellors of both the parent Universities agreed to award this title to SASH just before Christmas 2011. This was made possible by the continuing hard work of Sandeep Cliff (undergraduate Sub Dean) and Nisha Patel (Medical Education Manager) who have looked after students from BSMS this far, and by the clinicians who have been involved in clinical supervision of BSMS students up until this point.

The immediate impact of this award will be greater numbers of 5th year medical students receiving training within SASH. The additional benefits will hopefully include enhancement of our educational and research cultures, and improved recruitment to both senior and middle grade medical posts within the trust.

Emergency department:

Following my report from the last Trust Board I can confirm that the Trust has now appointed two highly qualified clinical leaders (respectively from Northwick Park trust and from Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells trust) who will work within the ED as consultants and also provide medical leadership in this area. In addition we have appointed two qualified GPs as fulltime doctors within the ED to improve the standards of care given at our front door. All 4 of these appointments are substantive. Dr Geoff Bryant (senior consultant in ED at BSUH) has started a 6 month secondment providing interim leadership.

External review of clinical safety and quality by South of England SHA.

The trust hosted a review at the request of the SHA. This took place over a 2 day period in January and was conducted by a senior nurse and medical director from the southwest region. The review included visits and observation within the ED, maternity and stroke wards, and involved interviews with a wide range of clinical and managerial staff. A final report is still awaited but the draft and the verbal feedback given to the trusts and PCTs was very positive, confirming care was safe and given the restrictions imposed by environment and workload was of remarkable quality. The most memorable quote from the feedback was that the reviewers would be proud to host several of the clinical areas they had visited within their own hospitals.

Electronic patient discharge and VTE risk assessment: From 1st December all in-patient discharges from hospital have used Cerner's electronic discharge summary. The trust has delivered in excess of the 90% vte risk assessment for both December and January, as it undertook to do to the SHA.

Director of medical education Following the resignation from this post of Dr Ivor Lewis the Trust and KSS Deanery held interviews on 1.2.2012. an update of the outcome of this appointments process will be given at the Board.

Responsible Officer (RO) for revalidation.

All trusts are required to have a RO for the formal and stringent revalidation of doctors which is likely to come into force in spring 2013. Mr Adam Stacey-Clear has been appointed to this role at SASH. Adam has undertaken training with the National Revalidation Support Team to enable him to perform this role and has also introduced a new system of appraisal for doctors within the trust, with standardised training for all appraisers and formalised multi-source feedback, a cornerstone of the new GMC requirements. 43 appraisers have received training (drawn proportionately from the consultant and SAS medical staff) and form SASH's appraisal faculty.

Des Holden (Chief Medical Officer)