

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC		Date: 26th June 2014	
		Agenda Item:	
REPORT TITLE:		CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT	
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REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)		N/A	
Action Required:			
Approval	Discussion	Assurance (√)	
Summary of Key Issues			
<p>National Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facing the Future: Smaller Acute Providers – Close of Consultation • New offences of ill-treatment or wilful neglect: Government response to consultation <p>Local Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary Services Manager Recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours • Chief Inspector of Hospital's Inspection – Quality Summit 			
Relationship to Trust Strategic Objectives & Assurance Framework:			
SO5: Well – led			
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 strategic risks which the Board should consider		
NHS Constitution/Equality & Diversity/Communication	Includes where relevant an update on the NHS Constitution and compliance with Equality Legislation		
Attachments: N/A			

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1. National Issues

1.1 Facing the Future: Smaller Acute Providers – Close of Consultation

The outcome of this consultation published by Monitor on 13th June 2014 looked at the effect the size of acute providers in England (many often described as district general hospitals) has on their performance. Monitor found a limited correlation between size and financial performance, but that this relationship is becoming stronger. This creates an increasing need for many smaller providers to change what care they deliver and how. Such change is consistent with the broader direction of change the NHS is actively seeking as it looks for new models of care that will meet patients' needs. With changes in this direction, smaller acute providers should have an important and sustainable place in the future.

The analysis of a variety of clinical measures found no systematic evidence of poorer quality in small hospitals and found only a limited effect of size on financial performance, but this is likely to become more important in the future. This is largely as a result of:

- trends towards the drive to increase staff in the acute sector
- further consolidation of specialist care
- moves to improve the delivery of care out of hospital

As part of the next steps, Monitor will work with NHS healthcare providers and commissioners, its national partners and healthcare experts to help identify the new models of care that can better address the underlying causes of financial challenge at individual NHS providers and in specific local health economies. This will include understanding the economic impact of moving care out of hospital and the extent to which it might generate savings for commissioners.

A full copy of the report is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/320075/smalleracuteproviders-report.pdf

1.2 New offences of ill-treatment or wilful neglect: Government response to consultation

In November 2013, the Government accepted the recommendation of the National Advisory Group on the Safety of Patients in England that a new statutory criminal offence of ill-treatment or wilful neglect of patients should be created. The Government committed to consulting on detailed proposals as soon as possible, with the aim of legislating as soon as Parliamentary time allowed.

The governments' response to the consultation was published on 11th June 2014. Over 130 responses were received, and there is broad support for each of the proposals put forward. The outcome of the consultation exercise is that the offence will apply to:

- all formal healthcare provision for adults and children in both the NHS and private sector. It will not apply to some children's settings and services which are subject to existing safeguards
- all formal adult social care provision, in both the public and private sectors, including self-funded care
- people and organisations paid to provide or arrange for the provision of these health and adult social care services, but the offence for organisations will be formulated in a different way to the offence for individuals

The offences will not apply to:

- the provision of any non-health children's services (e.g. children's social care)
- informal caring arrangements where the care is not given as part of paid work
- situations that are the result of a genuine accident or error
- any areas other than health care or adult social care
- health care provided for children or adults in some specified settings or services, such as schools or children's homes

The government have always been clear that the establishment of these new offences would be a vital element of the overall strategy and response to the events at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation trust. There is a determination to move ahead with the development of the offences as quickly as possible and bringing in legislation at the earliest possible opportunity.

The next steps will be to add clauses which establish the two offences to the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill which is currently proceeding through Parliament. Subject to Parliamentary approval, it is envisaged that this will allow the new offences to come into effect in 2015.

The full consultation report is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/319042/III-treatment_or_wilful_neglect_consultation_response.pdf

2. Local Issues

2.1 Voluntary Services Manager Recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

I am delighted to inform the Board Maris Codling, our Voluntary Services Manager, has been awarded a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in recognition for her services to patients and the community.

The award is well deserved recognition of Maris' work with our 200 strong team of SASH volunteers; a group who play such an important role in so many areas of the Trust.

2.2 Chief Inspector of Hospital's Inspection – Quality Summit

The Board will note that the Chief Inspector of Hospitals Inspection took place from 20th – 22nd May 2014. The Trust has been notified that the Quality Summit will take place on 22nd June 2014 at SaSH where the Chief Inspector's judgement will be given.

3. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the report and consider any impacts on the trusts strategic direction.

Michael Wilson
Chief Executive
June 2014