

<b>TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC</b>		<b>Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014</b>	
		<b>Agenda Item: 1.4</b>	
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>		CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT	
<b>EXECUTIVE SPONSOR:</b>		Michael Wilson Chief Executive	
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<b>REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY:</b> (name of sub-committee/group & date)		N/A	
<b>Action Required:</b>			
<b>Approval</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Assurance (√)</b>	
<b>Summary of Key Issues</b>			
<p><b>National Issues:</b></p> <p>1.1 NHS England (The National Health Service Commissioning Board), annual report and accounts</p> <p>1.2 Chief Inspector Hospitals Inspection reports</p> <p>1.3 Freedom to speak up review</p> <p><b>Local Issues</b></p> <p>2.1 St Luke's Radiotherapy Centre Opening</p> <p>2.2 Development of new decant ward at East Surrey Hospital</p> <p>2.3 New car parking at East Surrey Hospital</p>			
<b>Relationship to Trust Strategic Objectives &amp; Assurance Framework:</b>			
SO5: Well – led			
<b>Corporate Impact Assessment:</b>			
<b>Legal and regulatory implications</b>	Ensures the Board are aware of current and new requirements.		
<b>Financial implications</b>	N/A		
<b>Patient Experience/Engagement</b>	Highlights national requirements in place to improve patient experience.		
<b>Risk &amp; Performance Management</b>	Identifies possible future strategic risks which the Board should consider		
<b>NHS Constitution/Equality &amp; Diversity/Communication</b>	Includes where relevant an update on the NHS Constitution and compliance with Equality Legislation		
<b>Attachments: N/A</b>			

## TRUST BOARD REPORT – 28th August 2014 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

### 1. National Issues

- 1.1 NHS England (The National Health Service Commissioning Board) has recently published its annual report and accounts. This annual report describes NHS England's first full year of operation and highlights the substantial work required to establish this new commissioning body.

The report goes on to describe the purpose of NHS England which is to deliver improved health outcomes for England by: providing resources and support to clinical commissioning groups to commission evidence-based quality services on behalf of their patients; directly commissioning specialised care services and designing services that fit patient needs whilst ensuring equal access.

The report details the long term goals of NHS England which include ensuring that all patients have a positive experience of the NHS and that the NHS continues to learn, build better patient focused pathways and improve the use of data across the whole system.

- 1.2 England's Chief Inspector of Hospitals, has recommended that East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust be placed into special measures following its Care Quality Commission Chief Inspector of Hospital inspection which rated the services as inadequate. The report details a series of areas that require improvement linked to culture learning and accountability. All Chief Inspector of Hospitals reports are publically available and published on the CQC website (37 Trust reports at date of writing).
- 1.3 The Secretary of State for Health has announced the "Freedom to Speak Up Review" which is to be led by Sir Robert Francis QC. This will be an independent review into creating the open and honest reporting culture in the NHS. Sir Robert wants to hear from as many people as possible who have experiences of raising concerns in the NHS such that good practice can be shared and pit fall avoided wherever possible. Those wishing to share their experiences should note that the review will stop gathering evidence on the 10 September.

### 2. Local Issues

- 2.1 The new St Luke's Radiotherapy Center's first patient was seen on the 28<sup>th</sup> July and we look forward to the formal opening of the center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This joint partnership initiative with Royal Surrey County Hospital, represents a very significant improvement in patient experience and care as it removes the need for patients receiving chemotherapy to make the 50 mile round trip to Guilford. The Trust is very proud of this milestone in our desire to improve patient care and the development of new key strategic partnerships with local providers and the wider health economy.

- 2.2 Work has commenced on the new decant ward on the East Surrey Hospital site which is to be located at the east end of the hospital adjacent to Capel Ward. This ward will have significant operational impact on the Trust facilitating effective refurbishment and supporting bed occupancy in times of high stress. The ward is due to open this December.
- 2.3 We are also happy to announce that the Trust has recently opened a further 160 car parking spaces. These spaces have been built to support the Trusts Travel plan and go some way to alleviate historic traffic pressures on and off site. Since their implementation no cues for public care parking have been observed. Car parking will be reviewed during the winter months to monitor the effect of the new spaces during a period of expected increased attendance.

### **3. Recommendation**

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

**Michael Wilson**  
**Chief Executive**  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2014