

<b>TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC</b>		<b>Date:</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 <b>Agenda Item:</b> 1.6	
<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>Purpose of Report:</b>			
To ensure the Board are aware of current and new requirements from a national and local perspective and to discuss any impact on the Trusts strategic direction.			
<b>Summary of key issues</b>			
<b>National:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of Freedom to speak up: whistleblowing policy for the NHS</li> <li>• Formal Launch of NHS Improvement</li> </ul> <b>Local:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio Redhill wins National Silver Award</li> <li>• Nomination for Young Epilepsy Champions Award</li> <li>• Endoscopy Open Day</li> </ul>			
<b>Recommendation:</b>			
The Board is asked to note the report and consider any impacts on the trusts strategic direction.			
<b>Relationship to Trust Strategic Objectives &amp; Assurance Framework:</b>			
<b>SO5:</b> Well led: Become an employer of choice and deliver financial and clinical sustainability around a clinical leadership model			
<b>Corporate Impact Assessment:</b>			
<b>Legal and regulatory impact</b>	Ensures the Board are aware of current and new requirements.		
<b>Financial impact</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>Attachment:</b> N/A			

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### 1. National Issues

#### 1.1 Launch of Freedom to speak up: whistleblowing policy for the NHS

On 1<sup>st</sup> April NHS Improvement published a policy for use across the NHS to make the process for raising concerns more straight forward and transparent. Called “Freedom to Speak Up – raising concerns (whistleblowing) policy for the NHS”, it is one of the recommendations of Sir Robert Francis review of whistleblowing in the NHS. The national policy will ensure that:

- NHS organisations encourage staff to speak up and set out the steps they will take to get to the bottom of any concerns
- organisations appoint their own whistleblowing guardian, an independent and impartial source of advice to staff at any stage of raising a concern
- any concerns not resolved quickly through line managers are investigated
- investigations will be evidence-based and led by someone suitably independent in the organisation, producing a report which focuses on learning lessons and improving care
- whistle-blowers will be kept informed of the investigation's progress
- high level findings are provided to the organisation's board and the policy will be annually reviewed and improved

All NHS organisations in England are expected to adopt this policy as a minimum standard to help to normalise the raising of concerns for the benefit of all patients.

The Trust has had a “Raising Concerns” policy for some years and our results of the NHS Staff Survey indicate that staff feel able to raise concerns, however we recognise that there is always more to be done as we pursue our vision for excellence. We are therefore reviewing our policy in the light of the publication and will report back to the Board on this in due course.

The full policy national is available at:

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/freedom-to-speak-up-whistleblowing-policy-for-the-nhs/>

#### 1.2 Formal Launch of NHS Improvement

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 NHS Improvement is responsible for overseeing foundation trusts and NHS trusts, as well as independent providers that provide NHS-funded care. They offer support to providers to give patients consistently safe, high quality, compassionate care within local health systems that are financially sustainable. Providers are held to account and, where necessary, intervention to help the NHS to meet its short-term challenges and secure its future. The main priority is to help organisations to improve. The organisations brought together are:

- Monitor
- NHS Trust Development Authority
- Patient Safety, including the National Reporting and Learning System
- Advancing Change Team
- Intensive Support Teams

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/>

## **2. Local Issues**

### **2.1 Radio Redhill wins National Silver Award**

Every day the Radio Redhill team provide a wide range of music and magazine programmes that are enjoyed by patients during their stay at East Surrey Hospital. Congratulations go to Katie Child at Radio Redhill who has recently won a silver award for the best newcomer at the National Hospital Radio Awards.

### **2.2 Nomination for Young Epilepsy Champions Award**

Congratulations to Kirsten McHale, paediatric nurse specialist for epilepsy and neuro-disability, who has been nominated for the Young Epilepsy Champions Awards, which celebrate those who have gone above and beyond in their care of children and young people with epilepsy. This is fantastic recognition of the hard work and commitment by Karen to make things better for her patients.

### **2.2 Endoscopy Open Day**

Our Endoscopy department will host their annual open day on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 10am – 10pm which is open to patients and the public.

## **3. Recommendation**

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

**Michael Wilson**  
**Chief Executive**  
**April 2016**