

# Board of Directors - Meeting Report

A public briefing from the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 25 June 2009.

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Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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## Trust Wins Derbyshire IAPT Contract

**The Trust has successfully secured a contract to deliver Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) to North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield.**

**The Contract will commence in September 2009**

**The Trust will seek to expand this to a further part of Derbyshire from April 2010**

## Trust Receives National CPA Awards

The Board of Directors (The Board) were delighted that, in July, the Trust would be receiving three awards for its Care Programme Approach (CPA). The awards made by the Care Programme Approach Association are for:

Excellence in CPA Policy and Practice Standards for the new 'Assessment & Care Planning Policy'.

Excellence in Providing CPA Information.

The Grantham, Sleaford and Stamford Practice

Development Unit is to receive a 'Highly Commended' in the category Excellence in Innovation / Innovative Practice.

The Board recognised the excellent work of operational teams and the Care Programme Approach Manager in achieving these awards. High quality performance in delivering CPA is essential to the delivery of quality care to Service Users and their carers. The Board noted that these achievements go beyond the normal delivery of the national CPA target and demonstrate quality care.

## Trust Shortlisted for Mental Health Provider of the Year

The Board was also very pleased to hear that the Trust has been shortlisted by the Royal College of Psychiatrists for the award of Mental Health Provider of the Year.

An assessment team from the Royal College will be visiting the Trust in August 2009 as part of a series of visits to the shortlisted Trust. The Trust have been invited to attend the awards ceremony later in the year.

## Quality and Risk

### Quality & Risk Committee

The Board approved the establishment of a Quality and Risk Committee of the Board which will hold its first meeting in July 2009.

### Serious Untoward Incidents Report

The Board received the report on serious untoward incidents and reviewed the progress being made.

### Healthcare Acquired infections

The Board noted that other than one previously known case of MRSA there were no cases of Healthcare Acquired infections in May 2009.

### Risk Register

The Board reviewed the principle risks and noted what was being done to manage the risks. The Board also agreed that the register would be updated monthly. (currently this is undertaken bi-monthly).

Particular note was made of the risk of not having an adequate number of junior doctors from the Nottingham Deanery selection process. The Board noted that this was an unsatisfactory position and have therefore authorised a contingency plan that will be implemented by the Medical Director and the HR Department to recruit locally if required.

## Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive advised the Board of the latest national forecasts for reduced Health spending. He also advised the Board that Monitor would require all FT's to submit revised forecasts in line with the reduction in resources.

The Board also noted the appointment of Gillian Merron, MP for Lincoln as a Minister in the Department of Health.

### Prison Tender

The Board received confirmation that the Trust had submitted a tender to provide Integrated Prison Mental Health Services in Lincolnshire.

## Dr Val Stanton attends her last Board Meeting

Val Stanton has been a Non-Executive Director of the Trust since its establishment in 2001. Val is retiring from the Trust on 30 June 2009.

The Board of Directors recorded a formal vote of thanks to Val for her hard work and loyalty to the Trust.

## Staff Survey

The staff survey results were overall very positive (above national average). However, the Board noted the disappointing results in relation to staffs' perception of their ability to contribute to improvements. The Board was therefore pleased to note the large attendance at Chief Executive road shows and the development of other initiatives to improve the ability of staff to contribute.

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors meet every month. The next meeting will be held on 23 July 2009.

## Correction

The untoward incidents item in last months briefing referred to six "incidents" being passed to the Ombudsman as a result of changes brought about by the disestablishment of the Healthcare Commission. It should have read six "complaints"

## Environmental Management Report

The Board received a report on the progress on environmental issues that had been made within the Trust. The significant contribution of all staff lead by the Green Group was noted to have enabled excellent progress to have been made. The Board particularly noted staff

enthusiasm for the green agenda. The Board reviewed the Trust's current environmental statement and agreed to the revised statement as recommended by the Green Group.

The Board noted the additional cost implications of achieving some of the building

standards. However, it was agreed that the short term costs would, in most cases, be offset by longer term environment benefits that would in turn lead to pay back on the investment.

Business cases for future developments would take this into consideration.

## Reports and Updates

### Reports from Committees

The Board received key issues reports from the Complaints Review Panel, the Lincolnshire Shared Services Board and the Audit and Assurance Committee. The Board noted the work of the committees and the assurances provided that the Trust was addressing its key responsibilities in these areas.

### Performance Report

The Trust's performance report was presented to the Board, who were pleased to note the continuing improvement in

delivery of the delayed transfer of care standard (DToC). The Board also received an update on discussions with the commissioners in relation to access to psychotherapy services. It was noted that the commissioners would be working with the Trust to seek a solution to the current level of demand. The Board would keep this under review.

### Finance and Cost Improvement Plan Reports

The Board received reports confirming that, as at May 2009, the Trust

was £200,000 ahead of its financial plan.

### Maracis

The Board noted that the Maracis, Clinical Information System went live in mid-June with very few problems being encountered to date.

### Monitor Quarter 4 Assessment

The Board received the assessment feed back from Monitor for the Trust's 2008/9 Quarter 4 performance. It was noted that the governance rating was "Amber" due to not achieving the DToC standard in that quarter.

## Glossary

**Care Quality Commission (CQC)** – The Regulator who replaced the Healthcare Commission, the Commission for Social Care Inspection and the Mental Health Act Commission on 1 April 2009.

**Delayed Transfer of Care (DToC)** - When a service user is ready to leave one of the Trust's in-patient facilities and no suitable service provision is available for them to move on to, this creates a DToC.

**Exception Report** - A report received by the Board in addition to the standard reports and usually written to bring the Board's attention to matters of specific concern

**Financial Risk Rating (FRR)** – A score calculated by Monitor to reflect a foundation trust's financial situation. This takes account of a range of financial measures. 5 is the highest possible score

**Healthcare Commission (HCC)** – The Regulator of quality in health care services until 31 March 2009.

**IAPT** – Improving Access to Psychological Therapies

**Mental Health Act (MHA) Managers Committee** – A committee of the Board of Directors, responsible for the application of the Mental Health Act within the Trust

**Monitor** – The independent regulator of foundation trusts

**The Board** – The Board of Directors of Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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