

Board of Directors - Meeting Report

A public briefing from the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 23 July 2009.

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Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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Trust Welcomes New Non-Executive Directors

The Board were pleased to welcome Anne Grahmslaw and George Krawiec to their first meeting of the Board as Non-Executive Directors.

The Board was also pleased to note Lesley Koumi's reappointment for a further three years as a Non-Executive Director.

All three were congratulated on their successful application and appointment.

The Declaration of Interests Register was updated to reflect the new membership of the Board

Safeguarding

The Board of Directors received a report on the actions taken by the trust to strengthen its safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

The report identified the priorities for 2009/10 and included a work plan to ensure delivery against those priorities.

Moving to the next phase of the Trust's Development

As the NHS moves rapidly forward towards more of a mixed economy of care with increasing choice of provider driven by commissioners who will use market testing to assure quality, value and choice, the Trust needs to continue to succeed and grow in the emerging NHS market to protect its position through growth. To meet these demands a further stepped change is needed to equip the Trust to compete effectively through the delivery of

high quality services and value for money that commissioners (and the general public) expect.

The Chief Executive presented a report to the Board which set out the high level key operational challenges and steps required to move the agenda forward. The underpinning operational detail requirements have been agreed by Senior Managers and Clinicians at the Trust's Strategic and Operational Performance Committee.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the Board of Directors' Assurance Framework has been amended to reflect the

four strategic objectives, which have now been agreed as:

- 1) To provide clinically effective, high quality services for our patients that match or exceed best practice.
- 2) To be a competitive and model employer.
- 3) To develop strong relationships with stakeholders.
- 4) To manage and develop a successful organisation

Quality and Risk

Infection Control Annual Report

The Board received the annual report and action plan on infection control. The Board noted the good level of performance and the compliance with the required statutory duties.

Healthcare Acquired infections

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

Serious Untoward Incidents Report

The Board received the report on serious

untoward incidents and reviewed the progress being made.

Risk Register

The Board reviewed the principle risks and discussed what was being done to manage the risks. The Board was pleased to note that the immediate risks regarding an inadequate number of junior doctors had been avoided. However it was recognised that the recruitment process was an ongoing issue which needed to remain under review. The Board also noted that positive actions taken to manage DToCs and waiting times had also reduced the levels of risks faced by the Trust.

Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive provided an update on recent national policy announcements and personnel changes at the Department of Health. A summary of the Trust's preparedness and response to the flu pandemic, an update on corporate risks and key project implementation was provided to the Board. In addition the report gave high level updates on market growth in Derbyshire IAPT and the Lincolnshire Prison Service tender process.

The Chief Executive also reported on the disestablishment of Lincolnshire Shared Services (LSS) with effect from 1 August 2009.

Financial Planning

The Director of Finance and Compliance provided a report to the Board in which he highlighted the much tighter financial environment that will be faced by the public sector in the near future.

It was noted that Monitor has requested that all trusts submit details of

their overall strategy to manage the risks associated with the economic downturn by 30 September 2009.

The Board noted the procedures that have been put in place to undertake the detailed work to identify the impact of the financial downturn

and the Trust's response to a potential significant reduction in income.

The Finance and Investment Committee of the Board of Directors will receive a detailed report, considering a range of scenarios at its meeting in September 2009.

Care Quality Commission

Current registration with the CQC is limited to healthcare acquired infections regulations, but this will be extended in January 2010.

The Board noted that the Trust will need to submit its application for registration in January 2010.

Reports and Updates

Reports from Committees

The Board received key issues reports from the Finance and Investment Committee, The Audit and Assurance Committee, the Mental Health Act Managers Committee and the new Clinical Quality and Risk 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. A continued good level of performance was noted across all

targets. The delayed transfer of care standard (DToC) continued to be met. The Board commended the staff.

Finance and Cost Improvement Plan Reports

The Board received reports confirming that, as at June 2009, the Trust was £100,000 ahead of its financial plan although some concerns were evident with the financial outturn position where action was required. The cost improvement plan in some areas is not delivering the planned level of savings; additional work is underway to address the issues.

Maracis

The Board noted that the Maracis, Clinical Information System implementation continues with initial teething problems being addressed.

Monitor Quarter 1 Compliance Declaration

The Board signed a declaration to Monitor confirming that the Trust was meeting all targets and standards with the exception of CQC Standard C4d) Medicines Management. The Board noted there was no risk to patient safety and provided to Monitor an action plan to deliver the standard by September 2009.

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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Board of Directors

The Board of Directors meet every month.

The next meeting will be held on 27 August 2009.