

TRUST BOARD MEETING

To be held on 27 February 2013

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Patient and/or Public Involvement:	Not applicable.	
Purpose of Report:	To update Board colleagues of Chief Executive activity and to highlight issues of interest and importance.	
Report Summary:	The report covers key Chief Executive activities, internal and external to the Trust. It outlines key events and publications that support or impact upon the Trusts activities.	
Recommendation(s):	The Board is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the content of this report 	
Acronyms and Abbreviations:		

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

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2. SIGNIFICANT MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED

- Pathology Stakeholder Board
- Arden Integrated System Board
- Night duty visit

3. MEDIA SUMMARY

Media coverage for January was as follows:

Positive	68
Negative	274
Neutral	3

Themes:

Positive – Topics for positive media coverage include the new SARC centre, outcome of the CQC unannounced visit and subsequent report, and recognition of work undertaken by volunteers.

Negative- All bar one of the negative coverage related to the case of a baby who died shortly after birth. The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust expressed its sincere condolences and offered profound apologies for the failings in the care provided. Several lessons have been learned as a result of this case and changes implemented to improve processes as a result. The high number is as a result of coverage in local media across the country.

4. POLITICS SHOW

The Chief Executive appeared on the Politics show (Sunday 17 February) to respond to, and debate issues in relation to, the independent review of mortality rates and issues in relation to the publication of the report of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry.

5. OASIS PROJECT GRADUATION CEREMONY

A Graduation Ceremony took place in February to congratulate the team of volunteers who have achieved a professional relaxation qualification through the George Eliot Hospital Trust's Oasis Project. The Oasis Project aims to create a calm, tranquil environment in which patients can relax and de-stress ahead of a medical or surgical procedure, away from the clinical setting. Currently this setting is the hospital Chaplaincy Centre but as the Project grows it's hoped that it can be implemented throughout the hospital and in the wider community.

Patients are taught strategies and techniques including relaxation, breathing and visualisation and an offer of an aromatherapy hand massage; these are all given by the volunteers who are trained in these techniques through the School of Natural Health Sciences. The Trust is proud to say that all of its volunteers achieved an A grade in their Diploma assessments which is an excellent achievement.

6. LORENZO

The George Eliot is one of four Trusts currently working with Connecting for Health and CSC to implement a new suite of clinical IT systems. This is extremely good news for the Trust as it will enable us to upgrade most of our clinical systems and provide external financial support to allow us to do so, for the benefit of patient care.

7. POLICY NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

7.1. NHS Friends and Family Test: publication guidance

(Gateway reference number: 18739). The Department has published guidance for providers of NHS funded services on calculating and publishing the NHS Friends and Family Test results. Link: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/nhs-fft-guidance/>

7.2. Local authorities – health and wellbeing boards and health scrutiny regulations

The Local Authority (public health, health and wellbeing boards and health scrutiny) Regulations 2013 have now been published. These regulations are intended to help local authorities finalise preparations for health and wellbeing boards and health scrutiny arrangements. For further information, go to:

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/hwbs-health-scrutiny-regulations-2013/>

7.3. NHS Change Day 13 March 2013

(Gateway reference number: 18705)

This is one day of individual creativity by NHS staff and their supporters, pledging to do one simple thing to change the way they work and the care they give. It is a grassroots initiative devised and led by the next generation of young and emergent clinical and managerial leaders from primary and secondary care across the NHS.

Link: www.changemodel.nhs.uk/changeday

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked to;

- Note the content of this report

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