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Meeting:	Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Board of Directors
Date:	30th June 2016
Board Sponsor:	Chief Executive
Paper Author:	Chief Executive
Subject:	Chief Executive's Report

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive's report advises the Board of local and national issues of importance. The CQC Section 29a Warning Notice was served on the Trust on 20th June and requires the Trust to make significant improvement by 30th August in respect of patient safety, privacy and dignity, the timeliness with which we treat patients and the effectiveness of the Board. The Quality and Safety Improvement Plan which addresses the concerns raised in the letter will be discussed at the Board.

Dame Judi Dench opened the new radiotherapy facility at Preston Park on 23rd June marking an important milestone in the development of radiotherapy services in Sussex.

Nationally, the report notes the outcome of the referendum on membership of the European Community and its potential impact on public services, including the NHS, which will be kept under review, and discussions at the NHS Confederation Conference.

Action required by the Board

The Board is asked to note the Chief Executive's report and ask for further information or clarification as required.

Links to corporate objectives	This report concerns all of the Trust corporate objectives
Identified risks and risk management actions	The key risks around the CQC Section 29a Warning Notice are detailed in the Quality and Safety Improvement Plan
Resource implications	None specific to recommendations in this report
Report history	The Chief Executive reports formally to each Board meeting

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Report to the Board of Directors, 30th June 2016

Chief Executive's Report

NATIONAL NEWS

European Referendum

Following the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union, it has now been confirmed that the UK has voted to leave the EU by a margin of 52% to 48%. Following this David Cameron has announced that he will resign as Prime Minister in order to allow the election of a new leader of the Conservative Party to lead the negotiations for the UK's exit from the EU.

Leaving the EU will inevitably have implications for public services, including the NHS, but at present what these will be is not clear. Over the coming weeks and months those details will emerge. During this time, a key priority for us will be monitoring and assessing developments to keep the Trust Board and staff fully informed on how leaving the EU will impact the NHS and the Trust.

NHS Confederation Conference

I attended the NHS Confederation Conference from 15th to 17th June together with Martin Sinclair, Non-Executive Director.

The speakers at the Conference included NHS Confederation Chair and former Secretary of State for Health, Stephen Dorrell, who spoke about the importance of the Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) in bringing about sustainable change; the Secretary of State for Health who emphasised the importance of focus on: the elimination of cost and clinical variation; system-level change; strategic approaches to cost reduction; and improvements in technology and reduction in variation of its use; and the NHS England Chief Executive, Simon Stevens, who acknowledged the very difficult challenges facing the NHS, including the financial challenges, and the role of STPs in problem-solving and securing change. Simon Stevens also emphasised the importance of the Workforce Race Equality Standard (WRES) and the national report on the WRES will be discussed at a future Board meeting

LOCAL NEWS

Care Quality Commission

The Care Quality Commission has served a section 29a Warning Notice on the Trust, and issued a statement regarding this on 20th June. The Warning Notice requires the Trust to make significant improvement by 30th August in respect of patient safety, privacy and dignity, the timeliness with which we treat patients and the effectiveness of the Board. Immediate action was taken following the CQC inspection in April as detailed in my Monday messages and further actions are now underway to address the issues in the Section 29a Warning Notice.

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Members of the Senior Management Team, the Chairman and Non-executive Directors undertook a comprehensive series of visits across the organisation on 20th June to provide staff with support and to answer any questions that they or patients had.

A Quality and Safety Improvement Plan has been developed to address the findings of the CQC Warning Notice and is submitted to the Board.

Lead Executive: Chief Executive and Improvement Director

Preston Park Radiotherapy Centre

The new Radiotherapy Centre at Preston Park was officially opened by Dame Judi Dench on 23rd June, an important milestone in the development of local radiotherapy services for patients in Sussex.

Fiona McKinna, Clinical Director for Cancer Services, described the Centre at the opening ceremony as: 'a vital service for some of our sickest patients, and our new machines are at the cutting edge of cancer care.'

Dr Gillian Fairfield
Chief Executive
June 2016