

EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

REPORT TO: COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS – 9 MAY 2014

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM: COMMITTEE CHAIR

PURPOSE: Information/Discussion

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:

The Committee met with members of the Patient and Staff Experience (P&SE Committee) to consider the Governors' (Draft) Commentary on the Trust's 2013/14 Quality Report (Q.R.) Version 18 (previously circulated) and then the planning arrangements for preparation of the Governors' View of the Phase 2 (2-5 years) Strategic Plan (following submission of the Phase 1 Operational Plan with the Governors' View of this in April).

Helen Goodwin, Deputy Director of Risk, Governance & Patient Safety, tabled the latest Version (22) of the Q.R. and outlined the process around this, then answered members' questions. It was noted that both reports (Q.R. and Strategic Plan) were annual Monitor Requirements of the Board and of the Council of Governors and that the content and the (tight) timeframes for these were dictated by Monitor. It was confirmed that Dee Mepstead and Eunice Lyons- Backhouse, as co chairs of the P&SE, would lead on the Quality Report Governors' Commentary and that Jocelyn Craig and John Sewell would provide input to maintain continuity. A draft Commentary would be circulated to Governors with the Agenda of the CoG meeting on May 9th and the final version of this would be submitted on May 15. Governors' comments and questions are invited to the above four members of the P&SE. by e-mail or mail.

The Committee also received verbal updates on the progress of the Kent Pathology Partnership, the Response to the EU advert on the Trust Estates Review and on the Clinical Strategy from Trust Directors, with opportunities for questions.

Members noted some progress from the 13 work streams (as reported in Trust News) considering the safety and sustainability of the Single Surgical Hub proposal but despite this and helpful verbal reports from Rachel Jones (newly appointed as Director of Strategy and Business Development) and Anne Neal (Assistant Director of Strategic Developments) some members, including myself, remained confused about the Trust's proposed direction of travel and it was agreed to invite clarification of this through our Chair at this forthcoming CoG meeting, particularly directed to those Governors intending to contribute to the (Draft) Governors' View on the Trust's (Phase 2) 2-5 year Strategic Plan (currently in preparation by the Trust) which will be considered as the major item at the Strategic Committee on June 10th and then circulated to all Governors for comment and approval prior to submission to Monitor and the Board of Directors ("additional" BoD meeting 27th June). As with the Commentary on the Quality Report, comments and questions from Governors are invited for the developing "View" on the 2-5 year Clinical Strategy (for this draft to myself).

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FUTURE WORK PLANS:

As mentioned above.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ACTION REQUIRED:

To note the report.

To comment on the Committee's intended future work plans.