

**EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

REPORT TO: **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS – 7th NOVEMBER 2014**

SUBJECT: **REPORT FROM COG STRATEGIC COMMITTEE**

REPORT FROM: **COMMITTEE CHAIR**

PURPOSE: **Information**

**SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

At its meeting on 24th October Strategic Committee members discussed the following presentations -

**The Special Measures Action Plan**

Julie Pearce, Chief Nurse and Director of Quality was in attendance. The Improvement Programme was progressing with local Action Organisers having been appointed in every Ward and preparation of detailed plans for Divisional Perspectives supported by Helen Goodwin and colleagues. Staff Engagement in these was the major emphasis with priority being given to the CQC Report "Must Do's". Sue Lewis had been appointed as Improvement Director by Monitor and would be engaging with Non Executive Directors and with Governors. Sandra Le Blanc, Director of HR, had presented on Cultural Change and would be leading on the appointment of external support for the programme. 3 external pieces of work had been initiated - Data Quality by KPMG, Review of Division Governance by PWC and Board Governance by Deloitte's.

**Strategic Estates Partnership**

Fin Murray, Director of Estates and Facilities, presented an update on this proposed partnership, noting that considerable interest had been shown by both potential private and public partners for engagement with EKHUFT.

**Arundel Unit prioritisation**

Fin Murray, Director of Estates and Facilities, detailed the range of applicants for use of the 3 floors available in the Arundel Unit at WHH and the process for evaluating each. It was noted that a number of applications might be accommodated in this building.

**Clinical Strategy**

Liz Shutler, Director of Strategic Development and Capital Planning, reassured Governors that there had not been any change in direction in the Direction of Travel of the Trust's Strategy and that "Delivering our Future" remained the term covering the programme for developing the 5-10 year strategy. Well attended meetings had been held at each of the 3 main sites for staff engagement and that further meetings would be held to maintain this and that Governors were welcome to attend these. She emphasized that strategy needed to be developed in consultation with Partners and Commissioners. A major meeting with the South Kent Coast CCG had been organised for 5th November. 'Masterclasses' on particular elements of the Strategy would be presented to the Board and to Governors, the next to be on Critical/ Intensive Care provision. Matt Jones had been appointed to lead the work on Surgical Services. The Trauma Unit at WHH and provision for trauma at QEQUH had been reviewed and found to be excellent and it has been suggested that the Trauma Unit at WHH is no longer designated as "Interim". We await the final report to support the discussion.

**Private Patients Strategy**

Liz Shutler, Director of Strategic Development and Capital Planning, reported that there had been delays in taking this forward with the 4 potential providers as further complex estates, employment ,FM services and contractual information were required but it was anticipated that this would be available in November.

**WHH A&E department Plans**

The plans circulated in February 2014 had not been taken forward because of changes in requirements by the Division, including the CDU, primary care unit and relocation of the Surgical Assessment Unit but that the Staff Workstation as recommended by the CQC would be shortly installed and the Paediatric element remained under consideration.

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ACTION REQUIRED:**

- To note the report.