

Agenda Item 1v

Report to:	Board of Directors	Date: 3 January 2019
Report from:	Chair	
Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title	Chair's Report	
Board Assurance Framework Entries	Governance	
Regulatory Requirement	N/A	
Equality Considerations	None believed to apply	
Key Risks	N/A	
For:	Information	

1 Purpose/Background/Summary

This report provides the Trust Board with a monthly update from the Chair of the Board of Directors.

2 Key item(s)

2.1 Thank you to Royal Papworth Hospital staff

As we move into what looks set to be an exciting year for Royal Papworth Hospital, I would like to take a moment to thank all the staff at Royal Papworth for their hard work in 2018. Last year was a year of ups and downs, as we celebrated our centenary but also had to deal with the difficult news that the move to our new hospital would be delayed. Staff across the hospital coped with the news admirably and worked extremely hard to ensure that our services could continue to run on our current site. This kind of “can-do” spirit bodes well for the next few months as we complete the final preparations for our move to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

2.2 Meeting with Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Dubai

Last month, I travelled to Dubai with our Medical Director Dr Roger Hall to meet His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and the Minister of Finance and Industry of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The meeting was to discuss the possibility of future joint working between clinicians and researchers at Royal Papworth and in Dubai to tackle health challenges in cardiology and respiratory medicine.

3 News and updates

3.1 Goodbye to Hazel Farren

The week before Christmas, we said goodbye to Hazel Farren, Senior Sister in Critical Care, who retired after 36 years in the team. It was a pleasure working with Hazel over the years and I would like to wish her a very happy retirement.

3.2 Royal Papworth Hospital Charity Carol Service

I would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Royal Papworth Hospital Charity Carol Service, held at Ely Cathedral on Sunday 16 December. The event was a real success, with more than 530 people in attendance helping to raise over £9,000 for the charity. I would particularly like to thank Michelle Hemmings, one of the five patients who received transplants in 36 hours back in February last year, who spoke movingly during the service.

3.1 Claire Tripp's anniversary

Finally, I would like to extend my best wishes to the family and friends of our former Deputy CEO, Claire Tripp, who marked a year since her death in the days before Christmas. I know many of us will have been thinking of Claire and her family during the Christmas and New Year period.

Recommendation:

The Board of Directors is requested to note the content of this report.