

**Agenda Item 1.v**

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Date: 6 December 2018</b>
<b>Report from:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	
<b>Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title</b>	<b>Chair's Report</b>	
<b>Board Assurance Framework Entries</b>	<b>Governance</b>	
<b>Regulatory Requirement</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	<b>None believed to apply</b>	
<b>Key Risks</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>For:</b>	<b>Information</b>	

**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 Royal Papworth and Sunway Medical Centre Symposium in Malaysia**

On 11-13 November I joined Chief Executive Stephen Posey and Medical Director Roger Hall on a trip to Kuala Lumpur to attend a symposium organised jointly by Royal Papworth Hospital and Sunway Medical Centre. The visit was part of an official collaboration between the two organisations to advance training, education and research in the fields of cardiothoracic medicine and surgery. It was fantastic to see how the collaboration is already making a difference to the work of the Sunway Medical Centre and we are hopeful of developing similar partnerships with other healthcare organisations in Malaysia.

**2.2 Non-Executive Director Vacancy**

This month we will be advertising for a new Non-Executive Director to replace Karen Caddick, who recently resigned from our Board of Directors. I would be grateful if you could share the vacancy details with anyone you know who might be suitable for the role.

### **3 News and updates**

#### **3.1 East of England Ambulance Trust Special Contribution Awards**

On Wednesday 7 November I was delighted to present the Queen's Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct at the East of England Ambulance Trust's Special Contribution Awards on behalf of Cambridgeshire's Lord-Lieutenant, Julie Spence. It was a privilege to meet the exceptional candidates who were nominated for this award.

#### **3.2 Dr Phil Spratt's retirement**

Last month I attended a retirement celebration for Dr Phil Spratt, who worked at Royal Papworth Hospital as a surgeon in the 1980s before becoming Director of Heart and Lung Surgery at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. Having helped to train Dr Spratt so many years ago, it was fantastic to see the huge contribution he has made to heart and lung transplantation in Australia during his career. On the way to Sydney I was also pleased to meet with Keith McNeil, former Cambridge University Hospitals CEO and NHS England Chief Clinical Information Officer, who is now doing a similar role for Queensland in Brisbane.

#### **3.3 Royal Papworth Hospital Charity Carol Service**

Royal Papworth Hospital Charity's annual carol service will take place on Sunday 16 December at 1330-1430 at Ely Cathedral. This is always a fantastic event; a chance for staff, patients and families to reflect on what the hospital means to them while supporting the charity to continue its vital work. Tickets are available on the charity's website at [www.papworthhospitalcharity.org.uk](http://www.papworthhospitalcharity.org.uk).

**Recommendation:**

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