

Agenda Item 1.v

Report to:	Board of Directors	Date: 4 October 2018
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 Outstanding results for training in cardiothoracic surgery

I was extremely pleased to see that our Surgical team has received the best results in the country for the training of surgeons in the General Medical Council (GMC) Annual Trainee Survey 2018. Having been involved in training many aspiring surgeons – both in the UK and abroad – over the last 30 years I know how important it is to invest in high quality training for the next generation of surgeons. The commitment that the Surgical team here has made to training will no doubt benefit hundreds if not thousands of patients both here and at other hospitals for many years to come.

3 News and updates

3.1 Annual Members' Meeting

On Wednesday 19 September we held our Annual Members' Meeting at the Village Hall in Papworth Everard. More than 120 Foundation Trust Members attended the event, which included some fascinating presentations from our leading clinicians as well as the mandatory updates on our financial and quality accounts for the previous year. Earlier that day, we also held a meeting of the Council of Governors, where we discussed a number of issues relating to the hospital's current performance and our move to the new hospital. We also said goodbye to Trust Matron Helen Munday, who has been part of the nursing team at Royal Papworth Hospital for 30 years. We wish her every success in her new role.

3.2 Visit to Croatia to mark 30 years of their heart transplant programme

Last month I travelled to Zagreb, Croatia, to mark 30 years of the country's heart transplant programme. I was involved in training the team who carried out the first heart transplant in Croatia in 1988 – a team which included Dr Bojan Biocina, now Head of Cardiac Surgery at the University Hospital Centre in Zagreb. Since 1988, Croatia has carried out 300 heart transplants and performs 10 heart transplants for every one million inhabitants, placing it among the top countries for heart transplants per capita.

3.3 Thank you to our Non-Executive Director, Mark Millar

I would like to thank our Non-Executive Director, Mark Millar, who attends his last Board of Directors meeting today. Mark has made an invaluable contribution to the work of Royal Papworth Hospital and I would like to thank him personally for his advice and support over the last few years. I wish him the best for the future.

3.4 International partnerships update

On Tuesday 12 September, I was pleased to welcome a group from the Wuhan Asian Heart Hospital and Abbott China in Beijing to learn more about developing specialist services and performance management frameworks to support excellence in healthcare. As part of the visit we provided a tour of the new Royal Papworth Hospital on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and shared our experience of planning and building a new hospital to help with their plans to open a new cardiac centre in China. Two weeks earlier, I also met another group of 16 delegates from China – representing a wide range of public/private sector organisations in the country – who were particularly keen to learn more about the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) model we have used to build our new hospital.

3.5 Lifetime Achievement Award

I was honoured to learn last month that I have been selected to receive the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation's Annual Meeting. I have been invited to receive the award at the event in Orlando in April next year, although unfortunately the dates coincide with our usual monthly Board of Directors' meeting. I will discuss with other Board Members whether it would be possible to rearrange the date of our April 2019 Board meeting.

Recommendation:

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