

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**24 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**1 Introduction**

1.1 Since the meeting of the Council of Governors on 19 July 2012, the Board of Directors has held one formal monthly meeting and a seminar regarding Hospital Options.

**2 Business conducted by the Board of Directors**

2.1 The Board of Directors considers the following standing items at each meeting:

2.1.1 Clinical Quality;

2.1.2 Care Quality;

2.1.3 Infection Control;

2.1.4 Finance & Activity; and

2.1.5 Performance & Clinical Quality Indicators.

2.2 The Council of Governors will receive similar standing reports in November regarding these items. Thus, this report will focus on the other issues discussed by the Board of Directors.

**3 Clinical Quality**

Directors have undertaken a governance visit to the Dialysis Unit. Whilst it was acknowledged that tidiness in certain areas needed improving it was felt that overall the staff feedback was very positive.

**4 High Level Business Investment Case for an Institute of Translational Medicine**

4.1 As reported to the Council in July, the Board had agreed that the Trust would continue to support the proposals for an Institute of Translational Medicine (ITM), which formed part of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership's bid for funding, approved by central government in principle. The Board has now had the opportunity to consider a paper providing further detail regarding the proposal, in response to Government requirements, consisting of an information

requirement for 8 August, with a more detailed budget plan being required towards the end of September.

- 4.2 Broad agreement has been reached with the University on the high-level specification and the high-level benefits, risks, and a financial appraisal including capital and running costs have been considered, although the announcement of government funding has yet to be clarified in terms of what will be required regarding approvals and outputs. .
- 4.3 It was agreed that enhancing clinical trials capacity is a long-term objective of both the Trust and the University and that the Institute could contribute significantly to achieving that objective.
- 4.4 The Board noted the potential implications, benefits and costs associated with the proposed development, discussed the options and requirement for further work on this proposal and agreed to receive a full business case towards the end of 2012.

## **5 Monitor Quarterly Governance Declaration**

The Trust has been rated 'Green' by Monitor for governance for Quarter 1 2012/13.

## **6 Other Business**

In addition to the business set out above, the Board of Directors received the Investment Committee Report, and has approved:

- 6.1 The Trust Capital Programme Report 2012/13 regarding expenditure against the Capital Programme.
- 6.2 The Annual Plan Performance Update
- 6.3 The sealing of a Deed of Surrender of the Hayward Building at Selly Oak Hospital
- 6.4 The appointment of three Consultant Radiologist posts
- 6.5 The transfer of hosting arrangements of the Pan Birmingham Cancer Research Network from NHS South Birmingham.

**Sir Albert Bore**  
Chairman

**14 September 2012**