

SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BRIEFING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 20 MAY 2015

1. Integrated Performance Report

The Integrated Performance Report is attached at Appendix 1 and is progressing well following its recent introduction. As in previous months, I will invite each Director responsible for the relevant aim of the Trust's strategy to speak about performance in that domain. There is, however, a remaining element of work in progress in relation to the report and I would welcome comments from members of the Board on its future development.

2. Digital Pathology Services

The Trust's Laboratory Medicine and Informatics Team have developed a new service to provide faster diagnosis where the care of the patient involves intraoperative frozen sections.

The digital system provides a diagnostic service which is both faster and more cost effective by allowing Histopathologists to view slides remotely on a computer. It means that experts based at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital can provide a rapid diagnosis when a patient is still in the operating theatre at the Northern General Hospital.

3. Sheffield Hospitals Estates Team – International Health and Safety Award

I am pleased to report that the team charged with overseeing all aspects of construction, property maintenance and contractor management for all of the Trust's facilities have won the bronze medal at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) Health and Safety Awards 2015.

4. Appointment of President Elect of the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (BSCCP)

I am pleased to report that Professor John Tidy, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, has been elected as President of the above society. He will occupy this post for the next 3 years following his election at the recent society's annual meeting.

5. Patient Safety Awards

I am pleased to report that the Trust has been shortlisted for a record number of national Patient Safety Awards in recognition of outstanding practice in the field. The Trust is in contention for seven awards in total, more than any other NHS organisation in the country. The awards are one of the most coveted in the healthcare profession, and are run by the Health Service Journal and Nursing Times. The teams shortlisted are:

- Customer Service Excellence in Podiatry Services (Hall of Fame)

- Shining light into darkness: the Sheffield Small Bowel Service (Hall of Fame)
- Amiodarone Safer Prescribing in Primary and Secondary Care: Improving Safety in Medicines Management
- Lynne Smith - raising professional standards in a largely unregulated field and improving outcomes for patients with GI (Clinical Leadership)
- Discharge 2 Assess - system redesign to achieve safer, more efficient care (Patient Safety in Care of Older People)
- Improving care of cancer patients with malignant spinal cord compression: a multidisciplinary approach (Cancer Care)
- Developing a Medicines Support Pathway in Sheffield (Improving Safety in Medicines Management)

Winners will be announced in early July.

Finally, the Trust has also been named as one of the best places to work in the HSJ's Best Places to Work 2015.

Sir Andrew Cash OBE
Chief Executive
14 May 2015