

# UNIVERSITIES' REPORT TO STHFT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016

### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD – PROFESSOR TONY WEETMAN

#### 1. *Biomedical Research Centre application*

Led by Simon Heller and Pam Shaw, a joint NIHR bid for £13.5M has been initiated. The prequalifying questionnaire was submitted in February. We will know by April if we are successful in this first round. If so, the full application will be needed by June. There are three main disease areas, cardiopulmonary disease, endocrinology & metabolism and neurology (led by Sabroe, Ross, Shaw respectively) with 4 cross-cutting themes, including the Clinical Research Facility (the others being imaging, Insigneo and genome biology and bioinformatics).

#### 2. *Clinical Research Facility (CRF) renewal application*

The NIHR call has now been announced and we need to submit in June. Regular meetings now being held to pull together the bid, focussing on experimental medicine. We have separated out CRF experimental medicine activity from the additional activity that would take place if the Biomedical Research Centre bid is successful in order not to be bidding twice for the same activity. Chris Newman, Director of the CRF, leading this application.

#### 3. *Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre renewal*

We also require to bid to NIHR for this renewal in June. Chris Newman leading a writing group. Rob Coleman has been retained at 2 days a week to provide support to Sarah Danson who will become the Director when Penella Woll retires in April. A clinical chair replacement for the Woll position post-April has been approved.

#### 4. *MRC Polaris Centre*

The new digital disease phenotyping lab led by Jim Wild opened on 4<sup>th</sup> March, located on Claremont Crescent. The expanded hyperpolarised gas production facility is now operational on C floor. A new MRI scanner will be installed later this year and the old scanner is being retained NGH on a mobile unit which will be located at the NGH.

#### 5. *Wellcome Trust Clinical PhD Academy*

This joint bid with Manchester, Leeds and Newcastle ('N4') was submitted in January and has requested £6.4M for 25 clinical PhD fellows over 5 years, which aims to attract high calibre aspiring clinical academics to the north. There will be matching of PhD numbers by funding from the N4 institutions (N4 contribution £2.3M). Innovative features include:

- Honorary contracts across all N4 partners to improve the research experience and opportunities (e.g. access to key N4 centres of excellence operating as one institution) or, clinically, to maintain competencies (e.g. in craft specialties).
- 'Open door' access to their appointed lead programme director.
- A programme of visits to Francis Crick Institute events.

- An integrated education programme: Training days every three months (i.e. one per site per year) will deliver leading talks from the N4 and further afield on cutting edge topics, research and public engagement

## 6. *Education*

The new Physicians Associate PG Dip programme launches in September 2016 with funding from HEE Y&H for 20 places. The School of Nursing are launching an additional specialist postgraduate programme in Advanced Practice in Primary Care/General Practice Nursing from September 2016, with HEE Y&H commissions.

The CSR last year announced a proposal for the cessation of bursaries for Nursing and AHPs from 2017. We are working across the region with colleagues from primary and secondary care to reposition our programmes to continue training the healthcare workforce from 2017 on this different model of funding. The PG Dip in Nursing Studies is in an unclear position at the moment until we can confirm whether these students would be able to access student loans in the new system. Similarly, we need to confirm access to funding for Dental Hygiene students. There is a consultation on the proposed new funding system from HEE due this month and we have a Faculty task group meeting monthly to share intelligence and make preparations for the ongoing provision of training in speech science, orthoptics, dental hygiene, nursing and LBR training from 2017.

## **SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY – PROFESSOR KAREN BRYAN**

### **Health Professional Education**

#### **N&M**

Recruitment to our programmes remains very buoyant. We will meet our targets for March 2016 and we are selecting for September 2016 commissions.

We will have students completing their UG programmes during the month of March and the vast majority of these have their first destination posts in the local area.

#### **AHP**

We held a very successful inter-professional education for all students in February; with a number of high profile speakers. An AHP research conference was held on 4th March in collaboration with Y&H CLAHRC, CRN, and STHNHSFT.

Successful in bid to provide distance learning CPD for HEE NE.

HEENW have commissioned Sheffield Hallam to provide the Generic Assessor programme that was devised for STHNHSFT to all their vanguard sites.

We await the consultation on the funding changes to nursing and AHP education announced in the comprehensive spending review.

### **Institute for Health and Wellbeing Research**

Prof Charmaine Childs received first prize in the category “Best Clinical Research Award” for the thermal imaging in wound infection surveillance research from the Journal of Wound Care Awards 2016. She also won third prize in the Innovation award category.

The post of Assistant Dean Research and Innovation is out to advert following the early retirement of Professor Malcolm Whitfield.

Prof Karen Sage has joined Sheffield Hallam as a Professor of Allied Health Professions. Her post has a formal link to AHP at STHNHSFT.

Three honorary professorial positions have been awarded to Dr Caroline Pickstone, CRN and Dr Sue Mawson and Dr Mark Cobb in AHP at STHNHSFT.