

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Trust Board held on 1st September 2005.

Present: Non-Executive Directors
Juggy Pandit (Chair) Marilyn Frampton Karin Norman
Charles Wilson

Executive Directors
Heather Lawrence, Chief Executive
Mike Anderson, Medical Director
Lorraine Bewes, Director of Finance and Information
Edward Donald, Director of Operations
Maxine Foster, Director of Human Resources
Alex Geddes, Director of Information Communications and Technology
Andrew MacCallum, Director of Nursing

In Attendance: Susan Burnett, Acting Director of Governance and Corporate Affairs
Amanda Pritchard, Acting Director of Strategy and Service Development
Sue Perrin, Head of Corporate Affairs

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1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.1 WELCOME AND REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed members of staff.

1.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Professor Ara Darzi and Andrew Havery, non-executive directors.

1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

2. ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 FOUNDATION TRUST APPLICATION PROCESS

Heather Lawrence said that following the award of three stars to the Trust, the Board was required to consider its application for Foundation Trust status, which had been deferred. The Trust would be able to submit an application for either Phase 2 or Phase 3. Phase 2 applications would be approved by the Secretary for State in December/January and then referred to Monitor. Phase 3 applications would be three months later. Executive directors were updating strategies submitted previously – service development, human resources, governance and membership.

Heather Lawrence said that she had been advised that the consultation process need not be repeated, but there would be an extensive communications exercise. She noted that consultation had been required in respect of the Trust's overall vision, not in respect of whether to apply for Foundation Trust status.

The Trust Board resolved that the Trust should proceed with the work required

to update the strategy documents, and that a decision on proceeding with the application would be taken at the Trust Board meeting on 1st December 2005.

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

3.1 There were no questions.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 There was no other business.

5 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

5.1 6th October 2005

6 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

6.1 The Chairman proposed and the Trust Board resolved that the public be now excluded from the meeting because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be concluded in the second part of the agenda. The item to be discussed related to commercial matters.