

TRUST BOARD COMMITTEE
Minutes of a meeting held at Devon House, Heartlands Hospital
on 27th April 2009 at 10am

PRESENT: Mr C Wilkinson (Chairman of meeting)
Ms Anna East
Mr M Goldman
Ms A Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Lea

1

APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

2

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEE

The Board at its meeting on 6 January 2009 appointed the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, the Chief Executive (or his deputy) and the Chief Finance Officer to a Board Committee to approve the Monitor Quarterly returns.

3

APPROVAL OF MONITOR QUARTER 4 RETURN

Mr Stokes informed the Committee that there had been no significant changes since the last Board meeting. The Finance risk rating had fallen to 4 due to the drop in EBITDA. The trust had experienced a £3.4m loss in Q4 but had now activated an action plan focussing on pay controls and CIP challenges. Mr Goldman pointed out that it was likely that Monitor will require a recovery plan following the submission of the Q4 return. The plan would include financials, A&E, Rule 43s, national staff survey, safety and the proposed CQC visit. Following an email from Richard Samuda it was agreed that the section relating to clinical services required more narrative detail setting out the increase in activity and the drop in CIP.

The governance risk rating had moved to amber from green for the previous quarter. Monitor had decreed that a green risk rating would not be awarded where any target had been missed for three consecutive quarters. So despite the Trust's risk score of 0.5 which was a green risk rating the amber risk rating resulted from missing the A&E 4 hour target. The Committee noted that A&E would be back on track for Q1.

It was agreed to also make reference to the correspondence between the Trust, Monitor and the CQC concerning patient safety and the recent level of Rule 43s.

Mr Goldman had written under separate cover to Monitor to address the problems being experienced in A&E. A response from Monitor had been received from Mr Lavelle which set out a "heat" map identifying areas of performance concern. Mr Goldman would be going to see Bill Moyes and Edward Lavelle at Monitor to discuss these areas in more detail. Mr Wilkinson confirmed that he would be willing to attend these meeting in support of Mr Goldman and the Trust.

The Committee approved the Q4 return, Declaration 2 and the covering letter.

4

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT TRUST MEETING

5th May 2009

Action

..... **Chairman**