

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CHAIRMAN'S DIARY OF EVENTS

- 1 July Leadership Forum lecture given by the Chief Executive.
- 2 July Chaired the Board of Governors' meeting.
- 7 July Attended a conference entitled *Light Energy for a Brighter Future* at the Royal Geographical Society. This conference looked at the long-term alternatives to fossil fuel and research into renewable and clean energy
- 8 July/9 July Attended the 5th Annual Conference of UK Clinical Research Facilities held in Cripps Court. In the evening attended the conference dinner at Trinity College.
- 9 July Hosted the first of a number 2020 Vision Campaign Information events, this one in London. Further events are scheduled for Wednesday 28 October in London, 3 November in Newmarket and 19 November in Cambridge.
- 13 July Attended an FTN Seminar entitled *Open or Closed Board Meetings* in London, at which about 50 FTs were represented. The issue is quite high on the political agenda, with Monitor defending closed Board of Directors' meetings but the CQC saying they should be open. The majority view was that Board of Directors' meetings should be closed, or at least have closed as well as open sessions, but that interaction between Boards of Directors and Boards of Governors should be encouraged and Boards of Governors supported as the public face of FTs. Eric Morton, who is currently chief executive of Chesterfield Royal Hospitals FT and acting chief executive of Mid-Staffordshire FT, gave an account of how he had sought to change Board of Directors' meetings and board culture since his arrival.

Among the suggestions for improving interaction between Boards of Directors and Boards of Governors and engaging the public were:

- Seek governors' views on some issues before they are debated at the Board of Directors;
- Allow members of the public to ask questions of the EDs/CEO at each Board of Governors' meeting (rather than at the AGM only).

- Conduct Q&A seminars at which governors can ask directors any questions they choose.
- 14 July Hosted the NEDs' summer dinner discussion, which was also attended by the Chief Executive.
- 15 July Chaired a meeting of the 2020 Vision Campaign Planning Committee, then travelled to London to attend a workshop hosted by the Comparative Clinical Sciences Foundation in the Wellcome Trust. In the evening attended a dinner hosted by Lord Crisp, the purpose of which was to highlight reciprocal benefits of international health work for the NHS and overseas health workforces and to learn from Lord Crisp about the work of the Global Health Workforce Alliance.
- 17 July Hosted a lunch meeting with Deborah Cadman and Paul May of the East of England Development Agency; the Chief Executive and Stephen Graves also attended. The visitors were then given a tour of Children's Services and the Dialysis Unit.
- 19 July Attended the opening of the 41st International Chemistry Olympiad in the Cambridge Corn Exchange.
- 20 July Jointly with the Chief Executive presented the *You Made a Difference* award to Amanda Gibbs, a housekeeper with Medirest, and Edson Bentley, Staff Nurse on Ward C7.
- 22 July Met with Sir Robert Finch and Bob Bell, respectively Chairman and Chief Executive of the Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust, in London to discuss their newly acquired FT status.

Attended a Monitor discussion dinner held in London to discuss future challenges the health service will face and possible courses of action that could be taken to improve quality, productivity, public engagement and patient service.
- 27 July Attended the official opening of the Core Biochemical Assay Laboratory.
- 28 July July Board of Directors' meeting.

Chaired a meeting of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee to long-list candidates for the Trust's Non-Executive Director positions. This meeting was also attended by Chris Stanford and Melissa Horn of our search agents Odgers Berndtson, Colin Greenhalgh and the Chief Executive.
- 4 August Attended a meeting of the ACT Fundraising Governance Committee.
- 13 August Jointly with the Chief Executive presented a *You made a Difference* award to Renny Talbot, Chief Technologist in the Maxillofacial Laboratory.
- 17–29 August On annual leave.

- 23 August Attended the Clinical School's annual staff vs. students cricket match, held at CUP's sports ground (the consultants won, for the first time in three years).
- 1 September September Board of Directors' meeting.
- 3 September PCT and Trust Chairs and Chief Executives meeting.

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Diary of Events
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