

Council of Governors' meeting: 5th March 2014

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**Report from the Corporate Assessment Group meeting held on
19th February 2014**

General items for Governor information resulting from above meeting based on the main Board meeting on 29th January 2104:

- a. Patient Story and the use of compassionate decision making, and the element of scientific benefit in the overall treatment and care pathways for patients.
- b. Third quarter report issued by Directorate of Nursing & Quality. Contents & statistics useful, also comments on staff levels/training may be of interest to the Patient Safety & Experience Sub Group (paper C/board papers). Information on mandatory training (paper J/board papers) with concerns on staff attendance levels - would suggest that the Staff & Resources Sub Group be aware of this report.
- c. Finances – levels in the green status of 3, however it was noted that the Finance report showed a slightly worse than anticipated position with a cumulative nine month position of £142,000 worse than Plan. This was partly due to the costs of the Voluntary Severance Scheme.
- d. A request is to be made for information on complaints generally throughout the Trust, and James Allen, PALS Manager, to be invited to present to the Patient Safety & Experience Sub Group on the work of the PALS service and how the Board is made aware of PALS information (Paul Martin liaising with James Allen).
- e. CAG members also requested Governor updates on the “Better Care Fund” and the transfer of community beds from Northampton General Hospital, and agreed that the Chief Executive would be invited to cover these items in her report to the Council of Governors.

Documents concerning the main Board on 29th January 2014 can be acquired from the Foundation Trust Office. Please address any queries to myself or the Trust Office on this report.

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Chair of Corporate Assessment Group
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