



Tallaght Hospital Board Meeting
Robert Graves Postgraduate Centre
Tallaght Hospital
28th October 2015
17:00-19:30

Present:

Non-Executive Directors
 Mr. Michael Scanlan, Chairman (MS)
 Mr. David Seaman (DAS)
 Mrs. Mairéad Shields (MHS)
 Mr. Andreas McConnell (AMcC)
 Prof. Patricia Barker (PB)
 Archdeacon David Pierpoint (DP)
 Mr. Liam Dowdall (LD)
 Ms. Anna Lee (AL)

Executive Directors
 Mr. David Slevin (DS)
 Ms. Hilary Daly (HD)
 Dr. Daragh Fahey (DF)
 Ms. Lucy Nugent (LN)

Apologies

Prof. Richard Reilly (RR)
 Dr. Siobhán Ní Bhrain (SNiB)
 Dr. Catherine Wall (CW)
 Mr. John O'Connell (JOC)
 Mr. Dermot Carter (DC)

In Attendance

Ms. Madeline O' Neill (MO'N) Board Secretary

No.	Agenda Items	Decisions Made	Action By
		Board only time	
15.10.01	Apologies	Apologies were noted.	
15.10.02	Patient's Story	<p>HD advised that a member of the public while sitting in the reception area in the hospital one morning observed that staff passed by the hand dispensers and did not wash their hands. HD advised that staff are not required to wash their hands at the main hospital entrance as they can use the dispensers at many other locations throughout the hospital. The member of the public was written to and they were pleased with the response the hospital provided.</p> <p>HD also advised the board in respect of correspondence received from the husband of a patient who passed away in September this year. The patient had been attending the haematology day care unit for 2.5 years. The gentleman expressed his gratitude to the staff in Haematology, Maguire Ward and the Emergency Department for the wonderful care they provided to his wife. In particular he wished to acknowledge the staff nurses, doctors and carers who carry a large burden and are not always appreciated.</p>	

15.10.03	New Declarations of Interest	No new declarations of interest were made.	
15.10.04	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on 30 th September 2015 having been amended for typographical errors and one omission of information, were tabled at the meeting and approved for signing.	
15.10.05	Issues Log	The issues log was reviewed and noted.	
15.10.06	Presentation re Innovation Opportunity by Barry McMahon, Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering	<p>MS welcomed Mr. Barry McMahon, Head of Physics and Medical Engineering at the Hospital, to the meeting to make a presentation to the board about supporting innovation at Tallaght Hospital.</p> <p>Mr. McMahon summarised his own background/experience (including his position as Associate Professor of Medicine at TCD and Director of the Innovation Academy); provided examples of innovation at the Hospital and recent Innovation Academy projects; discussed his views on how best to create and support a culture of innovation at the Hospital; and outlined elements of a draft five year plan for the Hospital.</p> <p>The board expressed its support for the approach outlined by Mr McMahon. It was agreed that he would work with the CEO to develop/implement his proposed plan and that the board would be updated on progress in about 6 months' time. In the meantime, one of the board members (Richard Reilly) would be available to Mr. McMahon as a form of ongoing board support.</p> <p>Mr. McMahon left the meeting at this time.</p>	DS
15.10.07	Contracts	<p>A briefing paper with accompanying documentation for information was circulated in advance of the meeting and taken as read. The board approved the two contracts concerned for security services and the provision of diagnostic imaging services.</p> <p>In response to an enquiry from a board member, the CEO confirmed that the extant policy of pursuing joint tenders and contracts with St. James's Hospital was being adhered to but noted that certain contracts might still be awarded separately by both hospitals depending on the results of the marking system because price was not the only criterion.</p>	
15.10.08	Operational Performance & Planning presentation by Lucy Nugent, Chief Operations Officer	<p>LN made a presentation updating the board on operational performance at the hospital under a number of heading.</p> <p>On scheduled care, the reductions in the numbers waiting over 18 months and the ongoing challenges were noted. The board also welcomed the reduction in surgical length of stay and the initiatives in regard to ongoing validation of OPD waiting lists, chronological scheduling and outsourcing where required.</p> <p>On unscheduled care, the board noted the increase in the number, age and acuity of ED attendances, the resultant increase in medical length of stay. It also noted the inpatient admission rate</p>	

		<p>of 25% and welcomed the recent significant improvement in patient experience time (PET) for ambulatory care attendees.</p> <p>The projected trolleygar numbers were discussed and the board welcomed the planned actions to reduce peak and average trolley numbers, and to improve the PET for admitted patients.</p> <p>It was agreed that the issue of the general medical on-call rota would be brought back to board following discussion with the lead Clinical Director and the chair of the Medical Board.</p>	CW
15.10.09	AOB	<p>LD asked if board members would consider having morning rather than evening meetings, as had been the case in the past.</p> <p>DP asked that the Protected Disclosure Act 2014 be included as an agenda item for the November board meeting.</p> <p>This concluded the business of the meeting.</p>	All MS
15.10.10	Next Meeting	25 th November 2015 at the Robert Graves Postgraduate Centre.	

Apologies to Ms. Madeline O'Neill, Board Secretary on 4143845/ Madeline.oneill@amnch.ie