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| <b>To:</b>                  | <b>Trust Board</b>  |
| <b>From:</b>                | Chief Executive     |
| <b>Date:</b>                | <b>7 April 2011</b> |
| <b>Healthcare standard:</b> | ALL                 |

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| <b>Title:</b>  | Monthly Update Report – April 2011 |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Author/Responsible Director:</b> Chief Executive  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b> To update the Trust Board on topical issues.   |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>The Report is provided to the Board for:</b>  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
|  | Decision                           | √                                    | Discussion  | √ |
|  | Assurance                          | √                                    | Endorsement | √ |
| <b>Summary / Key Points:</b>   |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| The report updates the Trust Board on matters relating to:   |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key issues : improving patient care and experience; emergency and urgent care transformation;</li> <li>• Safe and Sustainable – The NHS Review into the future of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England and Wales;</li> <li>• Quality Governance in the NHS;</li> <li>• The Independent Public Services Pension Commission Final Report and Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector.</li> </ul> |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Recommendations:</b>  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| The Trust Board is invited to receive and note this report.  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Strategic Risk Register</b>   |                                    | <b>Performance KPIs year to date</b> |             |   |
| N/A  |                                    | N/A                                  |             |   |
| <b>Resource Implications (eg Financial, HR)</b>  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| N/A  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Assurance Implications</b>  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| The report aims to assure the Trust Board on a number of topical issues.   |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Implications</b>   |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| N/A  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Equality Impact</b>   |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| N/A  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Information exempt from Disclosure</b>  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| N/A  |                                    |                                      |             |   |
| <b>Requirement for further review?</b> Monthly report to each Trust Board meeting.   |                                    |                                      |             |   |

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST**

**REPORT TO: TRUST BOARD**  
**DATE: 7 APRIL 2011**  
**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
**SUBJECT: MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT – APRIL 2011**

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**1. KEY ISSUES**

1.1 The two key issues to highlight to the Trust Board this month are:-

- the actions which the Trust is taking to improve patient care and experience, especially the care and experience of the elderly: further details are set out in the report by the Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nurse which features elsewhere on this agenda;
- the continuing efforts to address the need to transform emergency and urgent care in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland: further details are set out in the report by the Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nurse which features elsewhere on this agenda.

**2. SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE – THE NHS REVIEW INTO THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN’S CONGENITAL HEART SERVICES IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011, the Trust Board was briefed on the publication of four options to reduce the number of hospitals providing children’s heart surgery from 11 to 6 or 7. The East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre, based at Glenfield Hospital, is included in the most highly rated option.
- 2.2 A four month public consultation on the proposals began on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011. A series of public meetings has been arranged locally to obtain feedback on the consultation proposals.
- 2.3 The public consultation continues at present despite a legal challenge by the Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust.
- 2.4 The Trust has applied for a judicial review, challenging the consultation, as it believes that the recommended options put to public consultation are fundamentally flawed, such that a consultation based on them would be unlawful.
- 2.5 Further updates will be reported to the Trust Board in due course.

**3. QUALITY GOVERNANCE**

- 3.1 On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the Department of Health launched two National Quality Board Publications, namely:-

- Maintaining and improving quality during the transition: safety, effectiveness, experience;
  - Quality Governance in the NHS – A guide for provider Boards.
- 3.2 The first report mentioned above is the first in a two-phase review about maintaining and improving quality during the transition and beyond. Building on the February 2010 Review of Early Warning Systems in the NHS, it emphasises how quality must remain the guiding principle as organisations move to implement NHS modernisation, and is clear that healthcare professionals are ultimately responsible for the quality of care provided to patients. Focusing on 2011/12, it describes the key roles and responsibilities for maintaining and improving quality; suggests practical steps to safeguard quality during the transition; and emphasises the importance of the effective handover of knowledge and intelligence on quality between old and new organisations.
- 3.3 The second report is a refreshed version of existing Department of Health guidance which offers advice on how to govern for quality, both in terms of driving continuous improvement across the organisation and ensuring that the essential levels of quality and safety are met. It recognises that processes and structures are vital in governing for quality, but also that values and behaviours are essential to a culture that supports quality.
- 3.4 The publications are available via 'The Week' – the Chief Executive's weekly bulletin issue number 187 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 - which has been already made available to Board members.
- 3.5 The Medical Director and Director of Clinical Quality are reviewing the publications and shall take them into account as the Trust continues to develop and improve its approach to quality governance.
- 3.6 The Governance and Risk Management Committee will, of course, continue to be briefed regularly on the development and application of the Trust's quality governance arrangements.
- 4. THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SERVICES PENSIONS COMMISSION FINAL REPORT (LORD HUTTON) AND THE REVIEW OF FAIR PAY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR (MR WILL HUTTON)**
- 4.1 March 2011 marked the publication of the two important reports mentioned above.
- 4.2 The Hutton report on pensions sets out a series of recommendations for long term structural reform of all public service pensions, of which the NHS Pension Scheme is the largest.
- 4.3 The Workforce and Organisational Development Committee was briefed on the recommendations at its meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.
- 4.4 The recommendations made by Lord Hutton will now be considered further by

the Government but it is unlikely that a formal response will be made before Summer 2011.

- 4.5 A briefing programme for staff is in preparation, supplementing the monthly pension seminars run by the Trust.
- 4.6 The second report, prepared by Mr Will Hutton, proposes a new settlement for senior public sector pay and makes a number of recommendations.
- 4.7 The Government will decide how to respond in due course.
- 4.8 In the meantime, a report on the fair pay recommendations will be submitted to the next meeting of the Remuneration Committee.

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 The Trust Board is invited to receive and note this report.

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31 March 2011