

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
1ST SEPTEMBER 2015 at 12.30pm
TRAINING ROOM 3 & 4

		Attendance	
Chairman	Sir D Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mr A Higgins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mr J Wilkie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mr E Oliver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mrs R Hopwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Dr E McMahon		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chief Executive	Mr T Chambers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Medical Director	Mr I Harvey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chief Finance Officer	Mrs Debbie O'Neill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director of Nursing & Quality	Mrs A Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director of Planning, Partnerships & Development	Mr M Brandreth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development	Mrs S Hodkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director of Corporate & Legal Services	Mr S P Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Interim Director of Operations	Ms L Burnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

In attendance:

- Mrs C Raggett – Secretary to the Board
- Dr N Laundry, Clinical Lead for A&E
- Ms C Smith, Facilities Manager
- Ms K Townsend, Acute Directorate Manager
- Mr I Bett, Associate Director of Planning and Performance

FORMAL BUSINESS

B62/15 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Sir Duncan welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Dr McMahon.

Mr Harvey added that there has been a change from previous years in relation to the numbers of doctors undergoing fitness to practice reviews with the GMC. There have 5 doctors entered into fitness to practice reviews during the last 12 months from the Trust. Mr Harvey stated that there has been a change in the public perception of the GMC as each referral of a Doctor to the GMC is due to a complaint.

Mrs Kelly presented that Nursing and Midwifery Revalidation paper. The revalidation process for all nurses and midwives to undergo revalidation every 3 years will commence in April 2016. Mrs Kelly, as Director of Nursing and Quality is responsible for ensuring that all nurses and midwives are registered and revalidated. There is a lot of work in progress and the revalidation process is also being monitored by POD.

The Trust has completed a self-assessment and this has highlighted that where a nurse does not have a nurse manager, there is an issue as to who should undertake their professional appraisal and revalidation. It was noted that this was a detailed paper and that a lot of work was underway. The POD will receive regular updates on the progress of the revalidation.

Mr Wilkie asked if the process for CPD for nurses was straight forward. Mrs Kelly replied that it was not more than nurses were already completing.

B70/15 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 6 MONTHLY NURSING & MIDWIFERY STRATEGY UPDATE

Mrs Kelly presented the update on progress of the 6 monthly Nursing and Midwifery Strategy to the Board.

In response to a question from Mrs Hopwood, a discussion took place regarding the involvement of the Countess with Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board and their potential redesign of services.

B71/15 TO RECEIVE THE TRUST'S MORTALITY REPORT

Mr Harvey presented the mortality report to the Board and outlined the new process for review of mortality at the Trust and the move to HED clinical benchmarking. Mr Harvey now personally reviews every death in the Trust and then refers cases for further review where appropriate.

Sir Duncan referred to the figures for mortality at weekends and asked if the levels are not due to anything the Trust is doing, what could it be? Mr Harvey replied that this was a national issue however, the levels at the weekend can be lower than in the week on some occasions. Mr Harvey stated that there is a need for clarification from coders as to if there is an issue on documentation and note keeping due to the pressures at the weekend. Mr Harvey is attending the North West Mortality Group October 2015, where the group will receive a presentation