AGM 2016 event summary

Ninety-five people came to the Trust’s annual general meeting (AGM) on the hottest day of the year, glad of the cool and accessible venue of St Paul’s Church in Hammersmith.

Before the official presentations, guests had the opportunity to take refreshments and visit stalls to speak with representatives from Healthwatch, Imperial College Healthcare Charity, Macmillan, Carers Network, Friends of Hammersmith Hospital and Friends of St Mary’s Hospital, and the Trust’s patient advice and liaison service (PALs).

Opening address

Trust chairman, Sir Richard Sykes, welcomed everyone to St Paul’s Church. In his opening address, the chairman said “I am extremely proud of the care, research and education our staff provide now in our five hospitals and, increasingly, in the community. And I know we can provide even better care and respond to rapidly changing health needs and opportunities”.

Performance and plans for the future

Chief executive, Dr Tracey Batten, and chief financial officer, Richard Alexander, provided an overview of our performance and achievements and annual review and accounts.

- Detailed information about the Trust’s 2015/16 performance and accounts can be found in our full annual report here.

Dr Batten said, “Last year we achieved a great deal for our patients and local people, despite a number of significant challenges facing us and the rest of the NHS”. She went on to explain that in order to be able to make longer term improvements, the Trust must get back on track with finances and performance against the national access standards.

“We also continue to work towards our longer-term vision – as a Trust and as part of the wider health system for north west London. We are playing a key role in the development of a sustainability and transformation plan for north west London – one of 44 such plans across England that bring together health and social care organisations to develop the best approach locally to improving health and health care over the next five years”.
Richard Alexander set out the top-line financial figures for the Trust, stating that “for August 2016, the Trust reported a deficit of £6.94m which is slightly better than the plan of £6.95m”. He went on to explain that year-to-date, the Trust reported a deficit of £24.71m; £0.49m better than planned. This represents a good effort by all our staff but there is clearly a significant amount of work to do. The Trust continues to work hard to progress our financial improvement programme.

**Guest speaker**

Anna Bokobza, integrated care programme director, later presented the Trust’s partnership to explore accountable care in Hammersmith and Fulham; a new vision for care where health providers come together to take responsibility for the quality and cost of care for a defined population.

- Full presentation slides from the annual general meeting are available here [insert web link].

**Questions and answers**

Questions and answers were held for 35 minutes chaired by the Trust chairman.

Questions panel:
- Chairman, Sir Richard Sykes
- Chief executive, Dr Tracey Batten
- Chief financial officer, Richard Alexander
- Director of nursing, Professor Janice Sigsworth
- Medical director, Dr Julian Redhead
- Divisional director for medicine and integrated care, Professor Tim Orchard
- Divisional director for surgery, cancer and cardiovascular, Professor Jamil Mayet
- Divisional director for women’s, children’s and clinical support, Professor TG Teoh

A full list of questions asked and their responses will be available on the Trust website shortly.

Following the questions and answers, guests had the opportunity to talk informally with Trust clinicians, senior managers and visit the stalls once more.