

## UCLPartners Board

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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 4:00-6:00pm

UCLPartners, Meeting Room 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 170 Tottenham Court Road

Present:       Ajay Kakkar (Chair)  
                  David Fish  
                  Dennis Gillings (by phone)  
                  Cliff Prior  
                  John Tooke  
                  Elizabeth Chidgey  
                  Michael Arthur  
                  Jenny Owens

Observers:     Amanda White  
                  Samantha Bowles

### MINUTES

#### 1. Apologies

- Apologies for absence were received from Richard Murley, Prof. Steve Field, Baroness Blackstone, Julian Nettel, Stephen O'Brien, Roger Jackling, Simon Gaskell, Peter Piot, John Pelly, Dominic Dodd and Richard Trembath

#### 2. Minutes from January Board

- AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 were accepted as an accurate record.

#### 3. Matters Arising

- NOTED Informatics will be reviewed in more detail as part of the Managing Director report at the January Board.
- A public meeting was held today (21<sup>st</sup> October 2014) at NHS England to finalise the decision on Cancer and Cardiac service, there was a presentation, question and answer session with public and final decision making process in public by the commissioners.

#### 4. **Managing Directors report**

- The report was discussed in detail highlighting in particular: progress on the new models of care across Redbridge, West Hertfordshire and Waltham Forest East London and City (WELC) as leading edge developments with potential national relevance.
- Progress on our Genomics Medical Centre bid with GOSH identified as the overall lead Trust for contractual purposes.
- Progress on a number of academic developments including dementia research and site developments in east London and the BRI.
- Our commissioned work on developing an appropriate a Digital Maturity Index that would service individual organisations and their local environment.
- North Thames leading CRN nationally in patient recruitment including commercial trials and the strong performance of the Quintiles prime site and continued progress on the further harmonisation of approval processes.
- Andrew Morris will be attending the next Board meeting

#### 5. **Finance and Corporate update**

- NOTED we have a sound plan and trajectory to break even by year end with an adequate cash balance. There is scope for additional improvement pending the generic AHSN VAT decision by HMRC in the New Year.

#### 6. **AHSC Paper**

- JT presented an update on AHSC.
- NOTED the benchmarking exercise already undertaken which demonstrated world class competitiveness across the 6 academic medical centres with particularly high scores in neuroscience, ophthalmology and child health as would be expected from their more established base.
- NOTED John O’Keeffe achievement of a Nobel Prize and Board congratulated him.
- NOTED the emerging academic strategies for cancer and cardiac were discussed with a report on overall progress of these AMC developments to come to the next board.
- NOTED A key component of our strategy is a joint institute between The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and UCL will be discussed in the new year following the appointment of the new Director

#### 7. **London Health Commission Report**

- Amanda White, Head of Communications made a presentation on how the London Health Commission Report impacts the partnership.
- DF will gather comments from Partner to form a response to the Mayor of London by the end of December.
- Chair summarised the discussion: on our contribution to the LHC ensuring we are building on our existing strengths and build on areas where we can make the most difference.

#### 8. **AOB**

- NOTED approved the appointment of Diana Rawstron, new Board Secretary