ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2011 IN
THE LECTURE THEATRE, ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL

Present: Margaret Oldfield, Chairman
Brian James, Chief Executive
John Hoskin, Chief Financial Officer
Stephen Bower, KPMG

Public Governors: Frank Beevers, Public Governor for Wentworth North
Sylvia Bird, Public Governor for Rotherham North
Anna Chester, Public Governor for Rotherham South
Jean Dearden, Public Governor for Wentworth South
Bridget Dixon, Public Governor for Rother Valley South
Ann Flack, Public Governor for Rotherham South
Jan Frith, Public Governor for Rest of England
Graham Jenkinson, Public Governor for Wentworth Valley
Cherry Kipling, Public Governor for Wentworth South
Val Lindsay, Public Governor for Rotherham North
Susan Lockwood, Public Governor for Wentworth Valley
Cynthia Shaw, Public Governor Wentworth North
Sandra Waterfield, Public Governor for Rother Valley South
Dennis Wray, Public Governor for Rother Valley West

Staff Governors: Firas Al-Modaris, Staff Governor for Medical and Dental
Rose Davis, Staff Governor for Professional Nurses & Midwives

Partner Governors: Jean Flanagan, Partner Governor for Sheffield Hallam University
Carole Haywood, Partner Governor for Rotherham Partnership
John Wainwright, Partner Governor for Barnsley and Rotherham
Chamber of Commerce
Janet Wheatley, Partner Governor for Voluntary Action Rotherham
Ken Wyatt, Partner Governors RMBC

In attendance: Trisha Bain, Director of Quality and Standards
Anthony Hercock, Non-executive Director
Andy Irvine, Chief of Community Services
Matthew Lowry, Chief of Rotherham Hospital
Mike Pinkerton, Chief of Business Development
Brigid Reid, Interim Chief Nurse
Kerry Rogers, Chief of Corporate and Legal Affairs
John Somers, Chief Financial Officer

Approximately 25 -30 members of the public & staff

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Margaret Oldfield, Chairman, welcomed members of the Council of Governors, Board of Directors and members of the audience to the 6th Annual General Meeting of the Trust since it was established as a Foundation Trust.
The Chairman indicated that she was proud to share the achievements of the Trust with those present in the presentations which were to follow. However, she reflected on the challenging future for the NHS.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th September 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

3. **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**

Brian James, Chief Executive, provided a presentation outlining the achievements in 2010/11 and the challenges ahead which can be accessed at:

http://www.rotherhamhospital.nhs.uk/Corporate_Governance_Information/Corporate_committees_and_meetings/

John Hoskin, Chief Finance Officer, provided a presentation outlining the position during 2010/11 which can be accessed at:

http://www.rotherhamhospital.nhs.uk/Corporate_Governance_Information/Corporate_committees_and_meetings/

The Director of Quality and Standards, provided a presentation in relation to Quality Accounts which can be accessed at

http://www.rotherhamhospital.nhs.uk/Corporate_Governance_Information/Corporate_committees_and_meetings/

4. **PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITORS REPORT**

Stephen Bower, KPMG, provided a presentation of the Auditors report which can be accessed at:

http://www.rotherhamhospital.nhs.uk/Corporate_Governance_Information/Corporate_committees_and_meetings/

5. **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

The Chairman opened the session to questions from the audience.

**Question:** In relation to the Quality Accounts presentation, what was a ‘never event’?

**Answer:** There are a national set of 25 never events, which were events that are serious and largely preventable such as placing a naso or orogastric tube in the respiratory tract rather than the intestinal tract and this not being detected prior to commencing feeding or other use.

**Question:** What were the Trust readmissions rates?

**Answer:** The readmission rates were relatively high (third highest in the country) and were linked to high admission rates and other factors such as demographics and there being no step down facility available. Data for any specific speciality could be provided outside the meeting as required.

**Question:** Could further information be provided regarding the role of the hospital in the delegation of commissioning functions to GPs as part of the new Health Bill?
Answer: Although the future role of GPs in the new Health Bill would see no involvement from The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Brian James provided a brief outline in response to the Question.

The responsibility for commissioning as part of the new health bill had transferred to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) who were groups of GPs (not employees of the Trust). The CCG would take responsibility for spending on health in Rotherham.

A shadow CCG had been established and was being supported by NHS Rotherham until the new arrangements were implemented. CCGs would require a Hospital Clinician and Nurse to be members, although they would need to be from another organisation outside Rotherham to ensure independent commissioning decisions were taken by the CCG. With regard to training for GPs to support them in their new roles, it was most likely that they would employ managers to undertake certain aspects, however again the Trust would have no involvement in this respect as the CCG would be a separate organisation.

Question: Significant costs savings will have to be made in the future, what were the proportions for the acute hospital and community health services?

Answer: The proportion would be £9-10m for the acute Trust and £2-3m for community health services. Future years would see the number of hospital beds reduce and more services provided in the community and therefore the dynamics may over time change.

6. CLOSING STATEMENT

Margaret Oldfield closed the meeting by thanking all staff, the Board of Directors and the Council of Governors for their loyalty and commitment to ensuring the success of the Trust in the services in which it provided.

Margaret Oldfield concluded that as this was her last AGM as Chairman, following nineteen years in the NHS, nine serving as Chairman, she would like to pay tribute to the Board of Directors (past and present) and colleagues at the Trust for their dedication to the organisation. The Trust took pride in its staff, Council of Governors and the continued support of the people of Rotherham to ensure that quality services were provided to the local health community. She wished the organisation continued success for the future.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting would be held prior to 30th September 2012, the exact date, time and venue to be communicated in Member newsletters, Trust website and via the local press agencies.