

Meeting	Board of Directors	Date:	6 February 2020
Title	Questions		
Summary of paper	<p>This paper reports the questions and responses (where available at the time of writing) asked of the Board by governors and members of the public.</p> <p>The Board is invited to consider the questions raised, the responses given and agree if any further action is required.</p>		
Consultation / other committee views	None		
Assurances	None		

Recommendations/decisions required *that the questions and responses be considered with the Board invited to consider if further action is required.*

Link to Trust Strategic Pillar	Link to Quality
	SAFE EFFECTIVE CARING RESPONSIVE WELL-LED

Risk(s) Ref	Risk(s) description	Risk(s) score
n/a	n/a	n/a

Implications and impact summary	Director Sign off	Dated
Financial and other resources (Expenditure / Income net value) n/a	n/a	n/a
Operational n/a	n/a	n/a
Workforce / HR n/a	n/a	n/a

Regulations and legal considerations	Quality consideration and impact on patient and carers
n/a	n/a

Confidentiality			
This report does not contain any confidential information.			
Equality Impact Assessment			
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation wants its services and opportunities to be as accessible as possible, to as many people as possible, at the first attempt.			
This report has been assessed against the Trust's Equality Impact Assessment Tool and there are no proposals or matters which affect any persons with protected characteristics.			
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Questioner	Date raised	Topic	Question	Responder	Answer
Rosemarie Phillips	01/01/20	Car Park – Post Build	<p>1. Parking is often at a premium, with the £30m allocated to GWH, will there be more car parking spaces e.g. a multi-story car park?</p> <p>2. I know the new Cancer unit is going to be built at the back of the GWH, will there be enough car parking spaces for staff, particularly night staff?</p>	Rupert Turk, Director of Estates and Facilities	<p>The Trust has invested in car parking in recent years, particularly with the significant expansion of the staff gravel car park. Plans regarding the site development, following the £29.6m allocation of funding, are currently being explored. It should be noted that this funding will fund the expansion and co-location of urgent and emergency services at the hospital and the purchase of the expansion land. As such this funding does not include for additional car parking provision. However, future plans for additional buildings / services on the expansion land would likely include provision for car parking associated with the activities that would be provided. All proposals would be developed taking into account national guidance on sustainability and the Trust's own Sustainability & Travel Choices policy commitments. All proposals would remain subject to local planning approvals.</p> <p>I think this question is referring to the Radiotherapy Service, which will be provided by OUH NHS FT, which will be sited in a new build at the rear of the site. As part of the preparation works the car park near the Brunel Treatment Centre was expanded and resurfaced. Some of these spaces will be removed as part of the build but the additional capacity that has been provided along with additional capacity now in place at the staff gravel car park should allow us to maintain enough provision. The Trust has temporarily lifted the parking restrictions</p>

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					<p>allowing staff to park everyday (previously it was 6 in 10 days), this is currently being monitored by our estates team to ensure we can maintain fair access for staff.</p> <p>The Trust is not aware of any difficulties with staff car parking capacity at night.</p>
Rosemarie Phillips	06/01/20	Carers' Chairs	<p>As the End of Life volunteer Governor Representative, I was concerned to read that there were insufficient Carers' chairs in November 2019 and should like to ask the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is special about a Carers' Chair at the end of life? 2. Why wouldn't an ordinary chair do e.g. one with arms? 3. As there were insufficient Carers' Chairs in November 2019, would a carer be allowed to bring in her own chair/collapsible bed? 4. In one hospital, I believe it was a private hospital, the husband was allowed to get into the dying patient's bed – can I see frowns? 	Rachel Palfreeman, Matron for Planned Care and Helen Winter, Lead Cancer Nurse and End of Life Lead Nurse	<p>The chairs are to support carers who wish to stay overnight with their loved ones. As the carers leads for the Trust, we think it is important to have the amenities to do this and we have had excellent feedback regarding the chairs we already have.</p> <p>The carers' chairs provide the facility to lay flat and be converted into a small bed which enables the carer to be as comfortable as possible in what is often a challenging situation. Hence, the use of an ordinary chair with arms would not be appropriate.</p> <p>Usage of the chairs is monitored via the equipment library and at times of peak request there is often a shortfall. Therefore, a case has been submitted to charitable funds for three additional chairs. The meeting is next month.</p>