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<b>Chairman's Board Report</b>	<b>12 July 2017</b>	<b>BDA/17/14</b>

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Since our last meeting the Trust has been at the centre of another terrible terrorist incident, this time at London Bridge. Staff at the Trust were involved in responding to the incident, in which one of our colleagues, Kirsty Boden, was tragically killed. Guy's Hospital and Trust buildings in the surrounding area were again part of the crime scene, with operational consequences for several days after the incident. As before individuals, teams and the Trust as a whole responded heroically and professionally. Staff and patients affected directly and indirectly by the incident have been supported through counselling and in other ways. Commemorative events were held to honour Kirsty and the other victims of the crime. The combination of this incident and the events at Westminster Bridge has left its mark on the Trust; but our collective determination to uphold the values of humanity and inclusiveness, for which we as individuals and an organisation stand, in the face of these brutal, direct assaults on them, remains unwavering.

The victims of the deep tragedy at Grenfell Tower have also been very much on our minds; and of course the Trust has been engaged in assessing the implications for our buildings and fire safety arrangements, on which there will be report at our at meeting.

These events have inevitably cast a shadow over the outcome of the General Election and its implication for the health system, including the impact on the Brexit negotiations. Much remains uncertain, not least on key workforce issues, including pay and the position of current and prospective NHS staff from the EU.

Since my last report I have attended the national conferences of NICE and the NHS Confederation, at both of which I spoke, the annual conference held by KHP and a stimulating conference co-hosted by our Charity on 'The Future of People Powered Health'. I also spoke at a seminar convened by for chairs and non-executives of NHS organisations on 'the role of boards in creating culture and ambition in organisations'. In addition I have supported University College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in the appointment of a new Chair.

It was a particular pleasure to welcome 700 visitors to our third Cancer Survivors' Day, held for the first time in the new Cancer Centre at Guy's. It was a stunning and, as always, a moving and deeply encouraging event. Last month I went to the opening of the new Guy's Cancer unit at Queen Mary Hospital Sidcup, where I joined a

number of colleagues to welcome the first patient (and look around this excellent new facility). It was good to be present, too, at the second, well attended Guy's Cancer Strategy day – where we welcomed for the first time colleagues from other Trusts and the Accountable Cancer Network for South East London.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Lambeth Pensioners' Action Group to St Thomas' for the meeting which they hold here annually. (This was the sixteenth!) They received a number of presentations from clinicians at the Trust; and I was a member of a panel of senior colleagues who took questions from the floor on issues affecting the Trust and the NHS generally. Events like this – and the recent health seminar on diabetes held at Burrell Street - are excellent examples of inter-action with our local community in which we learn from them and they learn from us.

I was proud to be able to sponsor and cheer on one of the Lambeth 'pensioners' – and a huge supporter and champion of the Trust – who shrugged off her 80 plus years and put me and other faint-hearts to shame, by abseiling off the roof of North Wing to raise funds for the Trust. This – and other fundraising events like it – are increasingly vital to the Trust, as we continue to invest in our future.

Like others I went from the abseil event to the new Nurses' Day awards in Governors' Hall, where we celebrated some of the outstanding achievements of nursing teams and individual nurses across the Trust, both on the hospital sites and in the community.

I am delighted to confirm that since our last meeting the Council of Governors has approved the re-appointment of Dr Sheila Shribman, our Deputy Chair, to serve a second term of appointment as a non-executive director. However, it is with real sadness that I have to record the resignation of Emma Duncan, another non-executive director of the Board, following a change in her personal circumstances. We will miss her very much.

On a personal note, I should record that since our last meeting my appointments as Trustee on the Boards of Macmillan Cancer Support and the Nuffield Trust have come to an end, as has my appointment as Chair of the National Skills Academy for Health. I have been appointed as Chair of The Health Foundation with effect from

November this year; and I have agreed, in a personal capacity, to co-Chair the EU Exit NHS Health Alliance convened by the NHS Confederation.