Western Sussex Hospitals NHS
NHS Trust

Press Release

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Appointment of two Directors completes the Board of the new merged Trust

The new Trust Board of Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust is now complete following the appointment of Dr Phillip Barnes as Medical Director and Spencer Prosser as Director of Finance who both joined the Trust this month.

Chief Executive Marianne Griffiths said: "I am delighted that we have attracted such talented individuals for these key roles. Phillip and Spencer have extensive experience in successfully taking Trusts through the process to achieve Foundation Trust status which is our strategic aim by 2011. I know they will challenge the Board and give dynamic and wise leadership."

Dr Barnes is a Consultant Neurologist and has 10 years experience as Clinical Director. He previously worked at King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London. Dr Barnes said: "I am enormously impressed by the passion and the commitment to excellent patient care that I've seen at all three hospitals. I know we have a solid base on which to build a successful Foundation Trust bid which will benefit patients and staff and involve a true partnership with our communities. I am thrilled to be part of such an energetic team which is committed to patients and the continuous improvement of services."

Spencer Prosser has worked in the NHS for over 20 years and was most recently Executive Director of Finance and Information for Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. He said: "I've inherited a strong team following the merger and I am confident we are well placed to prepare a compelling case for Foundation Trust status."

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Note to Editors

The Board of Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust comprises:

Hywel Evans	Chairman
Marianne Griffiths	Chief Executive
Jane Farrell	Chief Operating Officer and joint Deputy Chief Executive
Cathy Stone	Director of Nursing and Patient Safety
Spencer Prosser	Director of Finance and joint Deputy Chief Executive
Dr Phillip Barnes	Medical Director
Denise Farmer	Director of Organisational Development and Leadership
Nick Fox	Director of Strategy
Giles Peel	Foundation Trust Development Director
Andy McGrath	Commercial Director
Paula Gorvett	Director of IM&T
Bill Brown	Non–Executive Director
Mike Carter	Non–Executive Director
Tony Clark	Non–Executive Director
Joanna Crane	Non–Executive Director
Jon Furmston	Non–Executive Director
Martin Phillips	Non-Executive Director

On 1 April 2009 St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea officially joined together to become one centrally managed organisation – Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust with a workforce of 5,000. Each year the Trust will:

- Treat 102,000 in-patients and day cases
- See 376,000 out-patients
- Deliver 5,700 babies
- Carry out 75,000 operations

Photographs of Dr Phillip Barnes and Spencer Prosser are available. Please contact Sue Hines, Head of Communications on 01243-831685 or sue.hines@wsht.nhs.uk