

**Report to TRUST BOARD – 30 AUGUST 2012**

Enclosure 7

Title	Research & Development (R&D) Annual Report 2011/12
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**Executive summary**

The R&D department aims to improve outcomes in health care through research within a high quality caring environment and promote high quality research across the Trust within a framework of effective, efficient research governance. Work is ongoing to develop the infrastructure to support this core NHS work, meet national requirement for recruitment into national portfolio trials to time and target and maintain good financial governance.

In 2011/12 our overall recruitment target of 1300 was achieved though the sub target for cancer randomised trials fell short.

With the national drive to double recruitment into clinical trials in a 5 year period to 2014, continuing effort is in place to recruit 1600 patients during 2012/13 by developing the research infrastructure and supporting and encouraging research activity across all the clinical centres.

Related SATH objectives	SATH Sub-objectives
Research supports all 4 Corporate Objectives	A1-5 B1,2 & 6 C3-6 D1

Risk and assurance issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Financial risk if recruitment targets or timelines are not met.</li> <li>▪ Risk to meeting recruitment targets of lack of appropriate accommodation for research staff and clinical rooms to see patients.</li> <li>▪ The Trust is not in a position to act as legal sponsor for trials of investigational medicinal products.</li> </ul>
Equality and diversity issues	
Legal and regulatory issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All research must comply with the National Framework for Health Research and the European Directive 2004</li> <li>▪ All research must receive Trust approval via the R&amp;D Dept before commencement. All staff involved with research in the NHS must have GCP training update 2 yearly.</li> </ul>

**Action required by the Trust Board**

To **NOTE** and **DISCUSS**.