

PUBLIC TRUST BOARD – TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019

Item
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FOR: APPROVAL
DISCUSSION
INFORMATION

Lead: John Rivers
Designation: Chairman

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Trust Board is asked to support the following:

Purpose of the paper presented:

To consider a proposal to rename the London Road Community Hospital as the Florence Nightingale Community Hospital and to enter into discussions with the City Council to relocate the Florence Nightingale statue in London Road to a prominent place in front of the newly renamed hospital.

Recommendation:

The Trust Board is asked to approve the proposal.

Time required: 10 minutes

Objective within the PRIDE Framework

To maintain the historic connections of Florence Nightingale with Derbyshire and the Derby Hospitals and celebrate her achievements as founder of the Nursing Profession.

Executive Summary

2020 will be the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale on 12th May 1820 and there will be celebrations worldwide to recognise and reflect upon her achievements as a pioneer of public healthcare, a reformer of army medical services and founder of the nursing profession. As a contribution in Derby to these celebrations, we propose to change the name of the London Road Community Hospital to the Florence Nightingale Community Hospital and to do so on the same day as the annual Nightingale Commemorative Service to be held in Derby Cathedral on 9th May 2020. It is also proposed we enter into discussions with Derby City Council to explore the concept of moving the Florence Nightingale statue in London Road to the newly renamed Community Hospital.

Equality Impact Risk Assessment Completed? Yes/No (Please explain):

Key Risks and number, current scores (if on datix) including BAF

Resource Implications (include financial, HR, Governance etc.)

Prior Discussion:

Confidential Board on February 12th 2019

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF DERBY AND BURTON NHS FT
PUBLIC TRUST BOARD
REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

**RE-NAMING LONDON ROAD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AS THE FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

2020 will be the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale on 12th May 1820 and there will be celebrations worldwide to recognise and reflect upon her achievements as a pioneer of public healthcare, a reformer of army medical services and founder of the nursing profession.

Florence Nightingale was brought up in Derbyshire at the family home in Lea Hurst in the village of Holloway and she lived there until she went to the Crimea in 1854. She was very much attached to Derbyshire and she was particularly active in the local village, helping in the community by nursing people and establishing reading rooms in Holloway and Whatstandwell to further their education. Not least in her contribution to the county was her design of the 'Nightingale Ward' in the Derby General Infirmary and her advice on the design of its successor hospital, the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, opened in 1894.

My proposal is that the Board approves a change in the name of the London Road Community Hospital to the Florence Nightingale Community Hospital in recognition of her contribution to healthcare worldwide and her special contribution to its development in our historic hospitals in Derby. It is further proposed that this 'renaming' takes place on Saturday 9th May in 2020 on the same day that our annual Florence Nightingale Commemorative Service is to be held in Derby Cathedral, where a plaque was dedicated to her memory in the service in 2014.

This Service was first held in 2010 to commemorate the centenary of Nightingale's death in 1910 and services have been held every year since 2012, either at the Cathedral, or St Peter's in the City where the Nightingale Window from the DRI is now located, or Christ Church Holloway, the village where she grew up; the service in 2019 is being held in Christ Church Holloway on Saturday 11th May. The Derby Hospitals Choir has always led the singing at these services.

If we were to hold the 'renaming' and service on the same day in 2020, it would be a colourful and exciting occasion for Derby and the Hospital Trust and a special contribution from our own community to the all of those celebrations taking place worldwide to commemorate Nightingale in International Nurses' Week.

It would also mean that all three Community Hospitals within the Trust would be named after famous local people; Florence Nightingale in Derby, Samuel Johnson in Lichfield and Sir Robert Peel in Tamworth.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE STATUE IN LONDON ROAD

As we all know, there is a statue of Florence Nightingale on London Road in Derby; it was dedicated in 1914 and is much admired by local people, not least by those nurses who worked in the DRI over many years. With the closure of the DRI, the statue has looked isolated and somewhat forlorn, and I have recently met a number of those nurses who would very much like to see the statue relocated to the Royal Derby Hospital.

However, I should like the Board to support, in principle, moving the Statue to a prominent position in front of the newly renamed Florence Nightingale Community Hospital and, hopefully, this might be achieved in time for the renaming ceremony in 2020.

Relocating the statue is not a straightforward matter as it is owned by Derby City Council and is a listed monument, Grade 2 unstarred; the significance of it being unstarred is that the Derby City Council is the approval authority for any proposal affecting the statue, subject to advice from Historic England. In effect, the City Council as owner is responsible for seeking approval from itself to move the statue to a new location, which would itself require planning permission from the Council. A further complication is that the surrounding stone wall and metal railings are included in the listing, but for practical reasons the idea is only to move the statue.

My proposal is that the Board approves the Trust entering into discussions with the Council to explore the concept of moving the Florence Nightingale Statue from London Road to a new location in front of the newly renamed Community Hospital. Approval may not be possible at all, or if agreed not practicable by May 2020, but this would not prevent the 'renaming'; if agreed, it would greatly enhance the concept.

Renaming the Hospital is a relatively inexpensive proposal, but formulating a successful application to move the statue and the engineering and construction works involved in its removal and relocation would be costly.

The heritage issues are self-evident in that 'listing' by its very nature is devoted to conserving historic monuments/buildings in their natural environment; moving them is not therefore viewed as conservation. We would need professional advice on the heritage issues and architects' and consultant engineers' fees for removing and relocating the statue.

At this stage, my proposal does not seek approval for any expenditure and the Board will be conscious that any such expenditure would not easily be justified in our present financial position.

FLORENCE COMES HOME – 2020

There are many activities being developed by various organisations interested in Nightingale celebrations in 2020, but amongst them is one of particular local interest. 'Florence Comes Home - 2020' is sponsored by the University of Nottingham School of Health Sciences and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and it is promoting new research into the history of the Nightingale family and Florence

Nightingale; it is particularly focussed on her life and family influences in her Derbyshire upbringing.

The project website is www.florencenightingale.org.

For those interested in a short biography, the best is 'Florence Nightingale at First Hand' by Professor Lynn McDonald who has edited all Nightingale's writings. Another which deals sympathetically with her family background is Gillian Gill 'Nightingales - Florence and her Family.'

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approve the renaming of LRCH as the Florence Nightingale Community Hospital
- Approve holding the renaming ceremony on the 9th May 2020 on the same day as the Florence Nightingale Commemorative Service at Derby Cathedral
- Approve exploratory discussions with Derby City Council with a view to moving the Florence Nightingale Statue on London Road to the front of the renamed Florence Nightingale Community Hospital, ideally in time for May 2020.

John Rivers
Chair UHDB