

## **Chief Executive Overview**

### **1. Ambulance Service Network Board**

The merger is now complete between the ASA and NHS Confederation and the Ambulance Service Network Board has now been established under the Chairmanship of John Burnside, CEO North West Ambulance Service. The network Board Director has now been appointed and she is Liz Kendall, former special advisor to the Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt MP when she was Secretary of State for Health. Liz was also director of the Maternity Alliance, a national charity and also Associate Director at the institute for Public Policy and Research.

The network Board will shortly be writing to member organisations to indicate what the subscriptions will be for next year and these are thought to be around £35k. This is a significant uplift compared to last year under the ASA and requires further discussion at Board level once the exact amount is known.

### **2. AMBEX – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June /Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June conference Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June/Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June exhibition**

Ambex takes place for the last time at Harrogate this year and the theme is Emergency and Urgent care. Please indicate early to Angelina Southam at the Bedford locality office if you wish to go and we will allocate numbers later. I am also very keen that we see good attendance from a wide range Operational staff.

### **3. Executive Director Appointments**

Joanna Yellon joins the Board on 31<sup>st</sup> March as Executive Director for Business Development. Murray Bain, National Director of NHS Direct has accepted a post with the trust as Chief Information Officer and a start date is currently being discussed.

The post of Finance Director is currently out to advert through a specialist recruitment agency.

### **4. Ambulance performance Targets**

Oskan in his paper will cover our current A8 T0 and T4 performance position and at national level there is a huge push for the NHS to achieve all key access targets over the next few days to hit the year end position. A8 T4 finishes this year and is replaced by the call connect target of T0. This Trust will be under significant pressure to achieve the call connect target as soon as possible and certainly by no later than the end of July 2008. This will be a huge challenge for this organisation and Oskan will confirm the plans we have in place to deliver this target by this date.

**Hayden Newton**  
**Chief Executive**