

MINUTES

A.G.M. OF THE NHS TRUSTS ASSOCIATION

*HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2007
AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE*

1) Dr David Tod, Chief Executive, welcomed those present.

2) Apologies

The Honorary Secretary, Mr David Selwyn, M.R.S.M., read the apologies.

3) Chief Executives Report

Dr David Tod informed the meeting of another successful year for the Association. The highlight of which was the reception hosted at the House of Lords by the Earl Howe on 26th April.

During the course of the year successful publications produced included another edition of the *NHS Guide to Healthy Living* and *NHS Healthcare*.

The Association continues to develop the *NHS Directory of Complementary and Alternative Practitioners*. It was decided that due to the growing popularity of complementary therapy this should now be made available to members of the public.

During the course of the year Dr Tod met with Mr Rob Finch and Mr Tim Jay of the College of Chiropractors.

During the meeting it was agreed that the NHSTA would give their support to the college in pursuance of their Royal Charter and would continue to provide support and hold regular meetings with the college.

It was also agreed that the Association would pursue similar relations with other leading complementary and alternative stakeholding organisations.

At the meeting the Association announced the development of a major new publication *NHS Healthcare – The Way Forward* which will look at how the health service has developed over the last 60 years and invite all stakeholders to participate in the publication bringing their views as to how best to take the NHS forward into the 21st century.

It was proposed that the NHSTA should seek to work in partnership with stakeholders in the field of dentistry to produce a publication specifically dealing with dentistry in the UK.

4) Accounts

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. David Selwyn, presented the accounts to the meeting, the meeting approved the accounts.

5) Confirmation of Dr Bashir Qureshi's election as Chairman of the Association

Dr Tod was pleased to announce that during the course of the year Dr Bashir Qureshi confirmed his acceptance of the position of Chairman of the Association.

6) Forthcoming events

An NHS 60th Birthday Party event is announced for Thursday 13th April 2008 at the House of Lords sponsored by the Earl Howe.

7) Any other business

Given the growing number of NHS GP commissioning practices, it was decided to establish a section of commissioning practices within the NHSTA, with a view to producing a publication to be distributed to commissioning practices free of charge, during 2008.

As there were no other matters arising the meeting was closed at 15.30