

Trust Board Meeting: Thursday 6 September 2012  
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Title	Foundation Trust update
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Board Lead(s)	Mr Andrew Stevens, Director of Planning and Information			
Key purpose	Strategy	Assurance	Policy	Performance

**Summary**

1	This report is presented to the Board updating on OUH's Foundation Trust development programme.
2	<b>Recommendation:</b> The Board is asked to note progress

## Introduction

1. This paper provides an update on OUH's Foundation Trust development programme. The Board is asked to note progress.

## Public consultation

2. Public consultation continues, with information about the consultation's content, questions and public meetings available on the Trust's website at [www.ouh.nhs.uk/FT](http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/FT)
3. Public meetings have taken place as part of this consultation in Abingdon, Faringdon, Oxford, Wantage, Didcot, Banbury, Chipping Norton, Witney, Wallingford and Bicester. Public meetings are scheduled to take place in Henley-on-Thames, Kidlington, Brackley, Burford and Banbury and the Trust's AGM in Oxford will serve as the last public meeting before the consultation concludes on 12 October. A report on the consultation and any resultant proposals will be brought to the Board's 1 November meeting.
4. The recruitment of public members continues, with a variety of mechanisms being used. Information for potential members is available via the above web address.

## Historical Due Diligence

5. As anticipated in paper TBC2012.30, external assurance of the Trust's financial plans began in late July with Deloitte LLP carrying out phase 1 of Historical Due Diligence required as part of the Foundation Trust preparation stage (i.e. before the Trust submits its application to NHS South of England). This focused on the assumptions used by OUH in its business planning and on financial reporting procedures and associated controls.
6. Actions have begun in response and progress will be assessed in a second phase (Historical Due Diligence 2) which will produce a report to the Board's November meeting.

## Quality Governance Assessment

7. An external assessment of the Trust against standards set in Monitor's Quality Governance Framework has been required since May 2012 as part of the emerging national process for assessing Foundation Trust applicants.
8. OUH commissioned RSM Tenon, a supplier within its existing procurement framework, to carry out this work to produce an initial report and then a full report for the Board for its November meeting. An action plan is being developed to address recommendations in the initial report, again to inform the final report for November.

### **Board Governance Assurance Framework**

9. The Board Governance Assurance Framework for Foundation Trust applicants was published by the Department of Health in December 2011<sup>1</sup> as a new requirement for Trusts applying to become Foundation Trusts. A 'phase 1' report contains a number of actions, some of which are due for completion before the second phase of assessment. The final report and scored assessment will come to the Board's November meeting.

### **Alignment with commissioners' plans**

10. Support has been received from Specialist Commissioners in NHS South of England for OUH's forward plans for specialist services and associated workload and income.
11. Work continues with Oxfordshire commissioners to reach a similar agreement prior to the Board considering an updated version of OUH's Integrated Business Plan at its November meeting.
12. As noted in July, work is under way with Oxfordshire commissioners on forward demand management and capacity planning in order to produce an agreed plan for resources and services.

### **Recommendation**

13. The Board is asked to **note** progress.

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**September, 2012**

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_131547](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_131547)