

Trust Board meeting: Wednesday, 9 January 2013

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| Title | Finance and Performance Committee |
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| Status | A paper highlighting key areas of discussion at the Finance and Performance Committee meeting held on 12 December 2012 |
| History | This is a regular report to the Board |

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| Board Lead | Mr Christopher Goard, Committee Chairman | | | |
| Key purpose | Strategy | Assurance | Policy | Performance |

Summary

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| 1 | The Finance and Performance Committee met on 12 December 2012. |
| 2 | This paper sets out the key decisions, actions, risks and matters for future consideration as raised by the Committee. |
| 3 | Recommendation: The Board is asked to note the contents of this paper. |

1. Introduction

The Finance and Procurement Committee met on 12 December 2012.

2. Significant issues of interest to the Board

The following issues of interest have been highlighted for the Board:

- The meeting was observed by Ms Anne Dawson of NHS South of England
- The Trust is on course to deliver £44.04m of the £49.5m worth of savings through its CIPs.
- Achievement of NHSLA Level 2 accreditation would result in a £1.3m saving for the Trust. The NHSLA is currently out to consultation on changes to their assessment methodology, and the Trust will need to consider the timing of its application for Level 2 status, currently planned for September 2013, in the light of the results of this consultation.
- The Trust is close to reaching agreement with commissioners and the divisions with regard to the year-end position. The management of debtors and creditors has also improved
- The Trust has maintained its 95% performance for 4 hour A&E waits for 5 successive months, and is on track to meet the target for Q3. RTT admitted and non-admitted targets have been achieved at Trust level, but the general surgery sub-speciality did not achieve its target in October. DToC remain above target, but with a slight reduction. The 31 and 62 day cancer targets were not achieved in September, but are back on track for November.
- The use of bank and agency staff has reduced slightly
- 6500 members of staff have been vaccinated against the 'flu

3. Key Risks Discussed

The following potential risks were discussed:

- In the event that the Trust decides to proceed with the NHSLA Level 2 assessment in September, if it is unsuccessful, it would automatically drop to Level 0,
- If paediatric and other specialist beds are discounted, the Trust's adult bed occupancy level has recently been running at between 95 and 100%.The Trust is implementing contingency plans to manage emergency patient flows and surges in emergency activity,

4. Key decisions taken

No key decisions were made at this meeting.

5. Agreed Actions

- The Intensive Support Team report on the Trust's Emergency Departments to be presented to the Committee at their meeting in February
- The Newton report on the operational efficiency of endoscopy to be presented to the February meeting of the Committee

- a. A paper to be brought to the August 2013 meeting of the Committee for discussion as to whether the Level 2 NHSLA assessment planned for September ought to proceed.
 - b. An annual update on the Trust's NHSLA contributions and savings to be included on the Committee's cycle of business
- Clarification about the underlying causes of the downward trend in assisted deliveries to be provided to a future meeting.
 - Further detail on changes in divisional activity levels and explanation of the assumptions behind the cash flow forecasts to be included in future Financial Performance Reports
 - An explanatory narrative on CTVD's agency spend is to be included in the next iteration of the Financial Performance Report.

6. Matters deferred for future consideration

- Intensive Support Team Report
- NHS Operating Framework

7. Assurance required from/actions required by other Board sub-committees

- No assurance is required from or actions required by other Board sub-committees.

8. Matters to be referred to the Trust Board

- No items were formally referred for consideration by the Trust Board.

Christopher Goard,

Chairman

Finance and Performance Committee

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