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| Board Lead(s) | Andrew Stevens, Director of Planning and Information | | | |
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Executive Summary

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| <p>1. The Trust's application to operate as an NHS Foundation Trust continues to be assessed by the NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA).</p> |
| <p>2. With delay having occurred to the national process to assess FT applications, clarification has been sought from national bodies on a timetable to complete the TDA stage of assessment.</p> |
| <p>3. Confirmation having been received that the CQC's Chief Inspector of Hospitals will inspect the Trust's services between January and March 2013, a timetable has been proposed to the TDA which would see the Board consider a revised and updated Integrated Business Plan in March 2014 and the TDA consider the Trust's application in May.</p> |
| <p>4. Membership recruitment continues, with a series of meetings having taken place for staff interested in standing for election as staff Governors.</p> |
| <p>5. Recommendation</p> <p>The Board is asked to note progress and the anticipated timetable, including the production of a revised and updated Integrated Business Plan for consideration by the Board in March 2014.</p> |

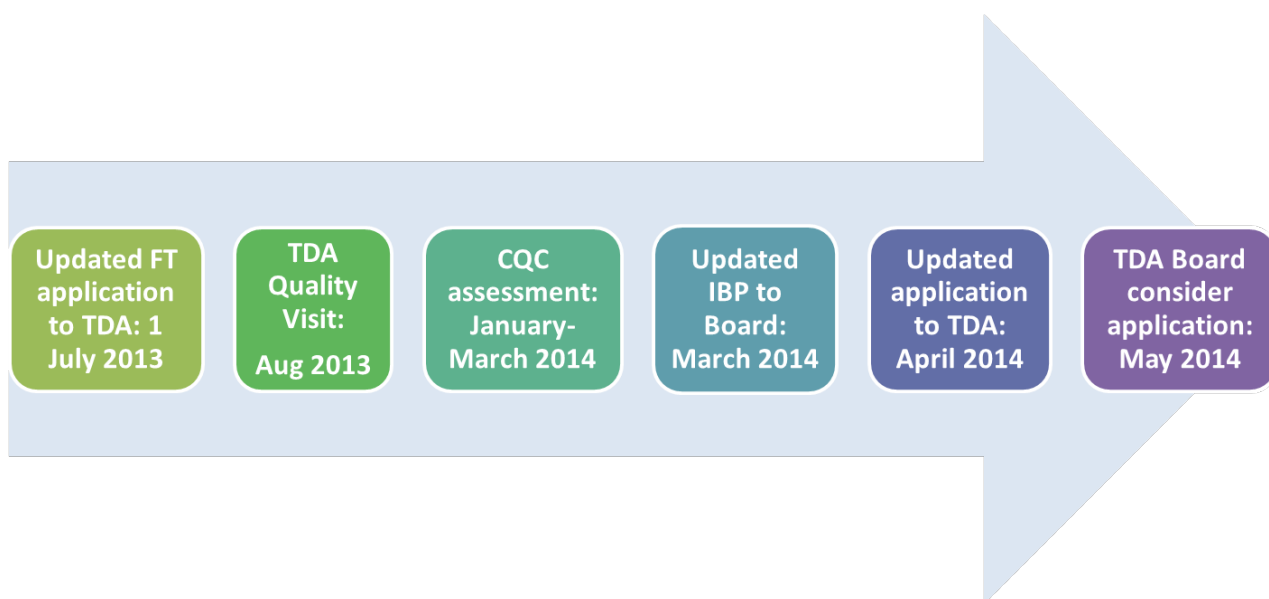
Foundation Trust update

1. Purpose

This paper provides an update on the Trust's application for authorisation as an NHS Foundation Trust (FT) and on activities conducted since September as part of the FT Programme.

2. Foundation Trust application

- 2.1. The Trust's application for authorisation to operate as an FT continues to be in the phase of assessment conducted by the NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA) prior to it passing to Monitor for the final stage of assessment.
- 2.2. Since September, work has taken place to develop a revised timetable for the updating of the Trust's Integrated Business Plan (IBP), following agreement by the Trust's FT Programme Board that OUH should continue to use the IBP as its strategy and produce updated versions of this and the Long Term Financial Model to a timetable that made sense for the Trust.
- 2.3. Confirmation was received on 23 October that the Care Quality Commission's Chief Inspector of Hospitals will inspect OUH services between January and March 2014. This is consistent with the Trust's wish to proceed through the next stage of the FT assessment process and enables a timetable to be set.
- 2.4. A schedule to complete the TDA phase of assessment has been formally proposed to the TDA. This involves revising and updating the Trust's IBP and supporting Long Term Financial Model for consideration by the Trust Board at its March 2014 meeting.
- 2.5. The Trust's revised and updated FT application would then be submitted to the TDA on 1 April and, after a meeting of the Trust's Board with the TDA's Board in late April/early May, would be formally considered by the TDA's Board at its meeting on 15 May.
- 2.6. Completing the 'TDA phase' of assessment to this timetable appears to allow a reasonable prospect of FT authorisation during 2014 and could enable OUH to establish its Council of Governors to operate in shadow form by the autumn.
- 2.7. Achieving this timetable depends upon the Chief Inspector of Hospitals' report being received by late March/early April and providing the TDA with an overall rating of Level 3 ('Good') or Level 4 ('Excellent') that allows the Trust's application to proceed.
- 2.8. As noted in previous reports, the anticipated pressures of the next commissioning round pose additional challenges to this timetable. Nonetheless, the TDA have been supportive of the approach taken by the Trust during 2013.
- 2.9. A brief update on the application process is available on the Trust's website via www.ouh.nhs.uk/ft and key dates in the TDA stage of assessment are shown in the diagram below.



3. Other activities

Membership and potential Governors

- 3.1. Membership recruitment activities continue.
- 3.2. Meetings took place during September and October across the Trust's four hospitals to enable staff to find out more about the role of being a staff Governor and to enable questions about FT status for OUH to be asked and answered.
- 3.3. 38 staff took part in these sessions, providing a reasonable level of confidence that elections will be contested for the Trust's 6 staff Governors.

Preparing for elections

- 3.4. With an independent electoral provider in place, detailed planning is being carried out so that elections can be conducted smoothly and effectively as soon as the Trust is able to start the process.
- 3.5. The Trust's membership database is expected to transfer to Membership Engagement Services (MES) by late February 2014, allowing a period of operation with this database provider before elections take place.

TDA 'Oversight' meetings

- 3.6. Monthly meetings continue with the TDA, through which the Trust's performance on operations, quality and financial standards is reviewed and the TDA is briefed on developments.
- 3.7. Meetings in September and October have considered topics including the planned disbursement of winter pressures money for Oxfordshire, action taken following the TDA's Quality Visit in August, preparation for the Chief Inspector of Hospitals' inspection, performance against national standards and the Trust's financial performance.

- 3.8. The October meeting constituted a 'quarterly review' and immediate feedback was that the Trust was making strong progress and was delivering well on key standards and meeting high expectations on quality, safety and financial performance.
- 3.9. The TDA confirmed in October that Outline Business Cases for the development of radiotherapy services in Milton Keynes and Swindon had received the required TDA approval to proceed to Full Business Case stage. FBCs will come to the January 2014 Trust Board for approval prior to their consideration by the TDA's Capital Investment Committee.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. The Board is asked to **note** progress and the anticipated timetable, including the production of a revised and updated Integrated Business Plan for consideration by the Board in March 2014.

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