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Meeting: Trust Board Part 1
Date: 20 May 2009

Title: **Provider Landscape Review**

Executive Summary: The Board is aware that the NHS is facing a significant financial challenge as a result of public sector recession. Work has commenced in each sector within London to review service configuration as a way of determining how the financial challenge may be met. Within the North Central London (NCL) sector the drivers for change to the configuration of health services have been confirmed as:

- Increasing quality and delivering the Healthcare for London strategy
- The funding gap which is likely to be between £600m and £900m by 2016/17
- Ensuring that we have clinically and financially stable organisations to deliver the change

The enclosed paper, which has been written by the North Central London Service and Organisation Review Group, is intended to inform Boards of the progress of the North Central London service and organisation review currently underway. It describes the governance of the programme and the work to date of the individual working groups. The key deliverables are described and the timescales for delivery are set as 30 September for the preliminary report and 18 December for the final report which should set out sector strategic plans.

Following the Whittington's withdrawal from its foundation trust application the trust reviewed the options for its future strategic direction. Four options were agreed by the Board:

- To continue to stand alone
- To work more closely and share resources with UCLH
- To work more closely and share resources with PCT Provider services
- To work more closely and share resources with the Royal Free Hospital

The Whittington has progressed a number of these options. First managers and clinicians have worked with colleagues from the Royal Free to explore how services could be configured to deliver care to a shared population in a different way. Secondly Directors have visited three health economies in England to study the integration of provider services and acute services. A more detailed report of this work will be given in part 2 of the Trust Board.

Action: To note progress and discuss

Report from: Fiona Elliott, Director Planning & Performance

Sponsor: **Rob Larkman, Chief Executive**

Evidence for self-certification

Management of the Governance risk rating

Lead: All directors