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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 16 September 2009

Title: **NHS London Provider regime and Q1 Governance assessment**

Executive Summary: Each quarter the Trust submits a governance assessment to NHS London. The Trust received notification of a change to the NHS London Provider Regime on 31 July 2009, which included the governance assessment template for completion and submission on 14 August 2009. The letter attached from Sara Coles, Director of Performance at NHS London briefly outlines the change in approach.

The return requires the CEO and Chair to sign on behalf of the Board against a number of key performance metrics and in the case of the new assessment process they are required to declare whether a statement is “true or false” in relation to the organisation. The completed return is included in this paper and includes an exception comment where an indicator was marked false.

The governance assessment report and the new Provider Regime was discussed with the Chairman whilst he was on leave. To maintain excellent Corporate Governance standards the Chairman was not prepared to sign the submission on behalf of the Trust Board without discussion at the Trust Board. As timely submission of the return affects the SHA assessment of Trust governance the submission was submitted as you see it attached. NHS London have been advised that it is the intention of the Chairman to ratify the Q1 submission following Trust Board discussions.

You will see in the return that a number of questions were posed to NHS London. Included as an appendix is the response to date to these questions.

Action: To discuss and ratify report

Report from: Fiona Elliott, Director Planning & Performance

Sponsor: **Rob Larkman, Chief Executive**

Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance

Lead: All directors

Reference:

FT application process