

Whittington Health Trust Board

23 January 2013

Title:		Chief Executive's Report to the Board					
Agenda item:		13/006		Paper		2	
Action requested:		<i>For discussion and approval</i>					
Executive Summary:		<p>The report updates the Board with policy changes that will affect the organisation and key issues facing the Trust.</p> <p>Headlines for January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS TDA Planning guidance for NHS Trust Boards • NHS Outcomes Framework • Finance report • Revision of tender levels for works related projects • Savile allegations • Journey to FT • New Education Centre 					
Summary of recommendations:		<p>The Board is asked to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the report and • to ratify the £1.9m capital development of a new undergraduate education centre on the hospital site 					
Fit with WH strategy:		This report provides an update on key issues that could affect the achievement of the WH strategy.					
Reference to related / other documents:		Finance Report, FT report					
Date paper completed:		14 January 2013					
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Date paper seen by ET	N/A	Equality Impact Assessment complete?	Yes	Risk assessment undertaken?	Yes	Legal advice received?	N/A

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update the board on policy changes that will affect the organisation and sets out the key issues facing the Trust.

2. Finance

The month 9 position is £10k better than the planned position due to non recurrent adjustments to income & expenditure of approximately £2,316k. If this favourable movement had not happened, then the in month position would be £2,182k off plan. The key contributor for the adverse budget variances relates to slippage / non achievement of Cost Improvement Programmes (CIPs), which is, year to date, circa £986k (10.5%) below the planned level.

At present we are still forecasting a surplus position in line with the plan, but this is heavily dependent on a continued improvement in the run rate, and improvement in performance against CIP targets.

3. Education Centre Investment

In line with our strategy to be a leading education provider, we agreed with UCL to relocate its educational facilities currently on the Archway campus to the hospital when the site is vacated in December 2013. To this effect the Executive Committee approved a capital case for a £1.9m project that will see the development of a new Undergraduate Education Centre on the hospital site. The facilities include

- Relocation of the Medical Education library on Level 1 of Highgate Wing
- Creation of a new Clinical Skills Centre in the current Undergraduate Centre
- Creation of new lecture rooms and relocation of offices and administration support to L3 of Highgate Wing

This development will secure the Whittington Hospital's status as a major teaching hospital into the future. The Trust Board is asked to ratify the decision to approve this capital project.

4. Revision of tender levels for works related projects

The Finance and Development Committee and Audit Committee have considered a request to review existing quotation and tender thresholds for works related projects with a view to removing anomalies and simplifying the tender/quotation threshold framework whilst still retaining assurance with regard to achieving best value through the tender process. They have agreed to recommend to the Trust Board acceptance of the following tender/quotation thresholds for works projects;

Estimated value of scheme	Tenders/quotations required
>£3,497,313	European procurement requirement i.e. advert in OJEU
>£500,000 to the current OJEU limit for Works	5 tenders to be sought
£50,001 to £500,000	4 tenders to be sought
£10,001 to £50,000	3 or more written quotations
£0 to £10,000	1 written quote

The trust board is requested to accept the recommendations and direct the amendment of the trust Standing Financial Instructions as required under standing orders.

5. Savile Allegations

The NHS Chief Executive Sir David Nicholson wrote to all NHS Trusts on 12 November 2012 (gateway reference: 18350) regarding Safeguarding arrangements in light of the allegations of abuse involving Jimmy Savile. All NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts are asked to review their position with regard to arrangements and practices relating to vulnerable people, particularly in relation to: safeguarding; access to patients (including that afforded volunteers or celebrities); and listening to and acting on patient concerns. The Trust will be reviewing our arrangement and practices as required and this will be reviewed at the next Quality Committee meeting on 20 March 2013.

6. NHS TDA Planning Guidance

The NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA) published on 21 December the planning guidance "Toward High Quality, Sustainable Services: Planning Guidance for NHS Trust Boards for 2013/14". The guidance requires NHS Trusts to produce an integrated plan that focuses on delivery high quality services, living within the resources available and creating the business processes that underpin future sustainability. The plan (item 13/015) has to be submitted to the TDA by 25 January 2013.

7. NHS Outcomes Framework

The NHS Outcomes Framework 2013/14 was published by the Department of Health on 13 November 2012. The framework contains several indicators grouped around five domains. The five domains are derived from the three part definition of quality: effectiveness, patient experience and safety.

Domain 1	Preventing people from dying prematurely
Domain 2	Enhancing quality of life for people with long term conditions
Domain 3	Helping people to recover from episodes of ill health following injury
Domain 4	Ensuring people have a positive experience of care, and
Domain 5	Treating and caring for people in a safe environment; and protecting them from avoidable harm

The NHS Outcomes Framework forms part of the mandate and we, as with all providers, will be measured on our performance against the indicators.

8. Journey to FT

We are working with our commissioners to refine and agree our Integrated Business Plan (IBP) and Long Term Financial Model (LTFM) ahead of the Board to Board with NHS London on 21 February 2013. The documents are due to be submitted to NHS London on 25 January 2013.

I presented the Whittington Health five year strategy to UCLP Executive on 14 January 2013 as part of our stakeholder engagement process. The following discussion focused on our strategy for integrated care, the operating principles of ambulatory care, Digital First and Partnering, our education strategy and our financial challenges. In response, UCLP agreed to recruit a Director for the Life Course programme to review the strategy for maternity and children's services across UCLP, and to accelerate the implementation of the Co-morbidities programme which covers integrated care.

Dr Yi Mien Koh

15 January 2013