

Trust Board

Report Cover Sheet

Agenda Item: 12

Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 27 th November 2019			
Report Title:	Summary of Assurances and Items for Escalation from Board Committees			
Purpose of Report:	To receive the assurance reports from the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Performance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 29th October b. 26th November (verbal) • Quality Governance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 20th November (verbal) 			
	Decision: <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion: <input type="checkbox"/>	Assurance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information: <input type="checkbox"/>
Trust Goals that the report relates to: (Including reference to any specific risk)				
Recommendations: (Action required by Board of Directors)	To receive the reports for assurance.			
Financial Implications:				
Risk Management Implications:				
Human Resource Implications:				
Equality and Diversity Implications:				
Author:				
Presented by:				

ASSURANCE REPORT





Finance and Performance Committee – 29th October 2019





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The Finance and Performance Committee has fulfilled its role and functions as defined within its terms of reference.

The reports received by the Finance and Performance Committee and level of assurance are set out below.

ISSUES TO BE RAISED TO BOARD	ASSURANCE LEVEL	COMMITTEE UPDATE	NEXT ACTION	TIMESCALE
Financial Performance – Finance & Activity Report		Year to Date: The Committee received and discussed the Month 6 Finance and Activity report which shows the Trust on plan. The Committee noted, however, the inherent pressures within the position and felt it appropriate to change the assurance level to red.		Monthly review of progress through the Committee
		Forecast: Risks remain around achievement of full year forecast.		Monthly review of progress through the Committee
		Capital Update: The Committee received a verbal update on the current capital plan. They noted that this was on plan to be spent in full by March 2020.	It was agreed a quarterly update would be received by the Committee	
Financial Performance – Finance & Sustainability Programme		Year to Date: The Committee received and discussed the month 6 Finance and Sustainability Programme report, which shows performance on plan. The Committee noted, however, the low level of CRP delivered recurrently and felt it appropriate to change the assurance level to red.		Monthly review of progress through the Committee

		Forecast: Risks remain around achievement of full year CRP plans.	Ongoing work with Business Units to establish more areas for recurrent savings	Monthly review of progress through the Committee
Performance report – NHSI Governance Rating Impact		Year to Date: The Committee received and discussed month 5 Performance Report. The Committee noted that the A&E targets were not met though the Trust continues to benchmark well nationally. Cancer 62 day performance did not meet the target for a fifth month. Non-achievement of 6 week diagnostic standard in September which is a third SOF indicator now off-track.	Action plan in development to recover A&E performance	Monthly review of progress through the Committee Update to November Committee
Board Assurance Framework (BAF)		The Committee noted that work is ongoing to update the BAF for 2019/20.		
Medway Business Case		The Committee reviewed the Business Case and discussed preferred option 1 which is to extent the current contract with SystemC.	Business cases update to come back to the Committee in 6 months.	April 2020
Winter Plan		The Committee received the Winter Plan for review prior to this being presented to the Trust Board. The Committee noted that NHSI/E had been sighted on the document and were happy with the Trusts winter plan.		

Assurance Key

	Level of Assurance
	Assured – there are no gaps in assurance
	Partially assured – there are gaps in assurance but we are assured appropriate action plans are in place to address these
	Not assured – there are significant gaps in assurance and we are not assured as to the adequacy of current action plans