

Report to:	Trust Board
Title of report:	Finance, Service Improvement and Delivery Committee Assurance Report to Board
Date of meeting:	31 January 2017
Status:	For Discussion
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Purpose	This report summarises the assurances received, approvals and decisions made by the Finance, Service Improvement and Delivery Committee (FSID).
Background	This assurance committee meets monthly and takes scheduled reports from all Trust operational committees with a finance planning, estates and performance brief according to an established work programme.
1.	<p>Contract Management</p> <p>The Committee asked for assurance around contract management arrangements within the Trust, referencing International Recruitment and Datix updates as two recent examples where the committee had not been assured. This would be recommended through Audit Committee as an area for the Internal Audit Plan for 2017/18.</p> <p>The Committee requested that Contract Management issues to be added to the Risk Register.</p>
1	<p>Clinical Strategy Implementation</p> <p>The Committee received a verbal update on the recent LHAC Strategy Event. The Committee were not fully assured that progress was as expected in a number of areas, particularly Paediatrics.</p> <p>The Committee agreed for the risk to be escalated to the Trust Board.</p>
	<p>Estates and Facilities Statutory Compliance</p> <p>The Committee received a report which detailed the statutory compliance issues particularly electrical testing, water and fire.</p> <p>The Committee were advised of the Estates and Facilities Compliance and Gap Analysis. A plan setting out full compliance will be produced following site surveys. Progress will be monitored through the Estates Group and regular assurance reports will be provided to the Committee.</p>

3	<p>Finance Performance Report</p> <p>Month 9 position</p> <p>The Committee was advised of the Month 9 financial report and supporting papers.</p> <p>The Committee was advised of a £1million improvement since month 8. The improvement had been driven by a successful quarter 2 STF appeal and also implementation of the short-term recovery plan.</p> <p>The key points raised were the financial assumption on STF funding through the appeals process , the delivery of technical financial adjustments, delivery of the efficiency programme and Business Units containing expenditure within the forecast run rate.</p> <p>The Committee were advised that the Trust had reduced capital spend by £1million in order to contribute to a national figure. This should not impact on the Trust’s expenditure. The Trust offered £1million in accordance with a request from NHS Improvement.</p> <hr/> <p>Draft Financial Plan</p> <p>The Committee considered the draft 2017/2018 financial plan which highlighted the need to deliver a 4% efficiency and for the organisation to have agreed plans in place for the delivery of activity, workforce and financials. This will be considered in detail at the next meeting and presented to the Board in March.</p> <hr/> <p>Efficiency Savings Progress</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the Efficiency Savings Progress Report and were not assured by the programme and actions taken in 2016/2017. The Committee agreed that lessons need to be learned around the process and planning for 2017/2018 and a summary statement will be prepared.</p> <hr/> <p>Integrated Performance Report</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the integrated performance report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTT performance in December had deteriorated. • Diagnostics had achieved Trajectory for the first time in 6 months. • Additional CT capacity and funding has been received. The impact in terms of the 62 day measure will not show until February • A & E – The Trust still continues to underperform against the A & E trajectories for Lincoln and Boston. Grantham are achieving targets.

Risks to refer to risk register	Contract Management
Key decisions taken	
Issues to escalate to Board	Lack of assurance on LHAC Strategy progress Contract management issues to be included within risk register. Financial Plan for 2017/18 to be presented to March meeting.
Challenges and exceptions	
Future exceptional items	

Attendance

Voting members

Tim Staniland, Non Executive Director (Chair)

Gill Ponder, Non Executive Director

John Barber, Interim Director of Finance

In attendance

Neil Morton, Interim Deputy Director of Finance

Julie Pipes, Associate Director of Strategy and Change

Neil Ellis, Deputy Director of Operations

Chris Farrah, Associate Director Estates and Capital Planning

Nikki Harris, Assistant Director of Finance