

BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND

Title: Report of the Finance & Investment Committee and Investment Committee

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Purpose of Paper:

- To inform the Board of the work undertaken by the Finance and Investment Committee at its meeting on 2 December 2014, and the Investment Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2015.

Actions for the Board:

- To receive a report on the work undertaken by the Finance and Investment Committee at the meeting on 2 December 2014, and the Investment Committee at the meeting on 12 January 2015.

Report of the Finance & Investment Committee and Investment Committee

1. This paper contains an update on the activities of the two committees for the period from 1 December 2014 to 12 January 2015 and highlights any issues and decisions of which the Board should be aware. The committee met twice during this period, once as the Finance & Investment Committee on 2 December 2014, and once as the Investment Committee on 12 January 2015.
2. The key issues addressed at the 2 December 2014 Finance & Investment Committee were:
 - **2014/15 Financial Performance: Month 7** – the committee scrutinised the financial position at month 7 across CCGs, Direct Commissioning, NHS England central running and programme costs, and technical limits. The committee also noted the risk adjusted position, including movements from month 6 and other potential upsides expected in the remainder of the year.
 - **Oversight of financial planning and performance in future Board committee structures** – in light of the restructure of Board committees, the committee noted the need to ensure that adequate time and focus is committed to financial planning and performance at Board committee level. In particular, the committee noted that the Audit Committee had highlighted the importance of this continuing scrutiny as a key control mechanism. The committee agreed that handover of this function to the Commissioning Committee immediately after the 2 December would represent a risk, and put forward the proposal that financial planning and performance would remain with the Investment Committee at least until March 2015, until the Commissioning Committee is fully functioning and adequate assurance can be gained on oversight of these key functions. This was accepted by the Board Chair and the incoming Chair of the Commissioning Committee.
3. The key issues addressed at the 12 January 2015 Investment Committee were:
 - **2014/15 Financial Performance: Month 8** - the committee scrutinised the financial position at month 8 across Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Direct Commissioning, NHS England central running and programme costs, and technical limits. The committee noted the upcoming 'deep dive' into the financial position at month 9.
 - **Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust 3Ts Programme Full Business Case** – the committee delegated authority to the Chief Financial

Officer to approve and issue the Commissioner Support Letter and commit to provide transitional revenue support, subject to the resolution of outstanding issues. The committee asked to see a copy of the letter before finalisation once these outstanding matters had been addressed.

- **Proton Beam Therapy: support for the development agreement** – the committee confirmed NHS England’s commissioning intentions in respect of the development and operation of two new domestic proton beam facilities by the selected providers, University College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (“UCLH”) and The Christie Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (“the Christie”) (and together the “Trusts”), and confirmed that from NHS England’s perspective it regarded the current draft as substantively settled and subject only to further development as described in this paper prior to contract close in the summer of 2015.
 - **Five Year Forward View: investment fund approval and role of Investment Committee** – the committee noted that approval of allocations from these funds would follow the limits for approval as set out in the current Standing Finance Instructions. The committee in addition asked for a report on the plan for deployment of the transformation funds, to achieve strategic oversight of the overall approach.
4. The minutes of the meetings held on the 3 November 2014 and 2 December 2014 have now been approved by the committee <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/fin-invest-comm-mins-031114.pdf>
 5. The Board is asked to note the work of the committee from 1 December 2014 to 12 January 2015 and the minutes of the meetings held on 3 November and 2 December 2014.

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