The National Health Service Commissioning Board (“the Board”), in exercise of powers conferred by Section 14Z21 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012), gives the following Directions.

Citation, commencement and application

(1) These Directions are given to NHS Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group (“Solihull CCG”).

(2) These Directions may be cited as the Solihull CCG Directions 2017 and come into force on 14 August 2017.

(3) These Directions apply until they are varied or revoked by the Board or 12 months from the date hereof, whichever shall be the later.

Exercise of functions

(4) The Board directs that:

a. Solihull CCG shall within four weeks of the date hereof produce a credible financial recovery plan (“the Financial Recovery Plan”) which includes but is not limited to:
   i. how Solihull CCG will operate within its annual budget for the financial year 2017/18 and how it will remain in recurrent balance thereafter;
ii. confirmation that all facts, figures and projections within the Financial Recovery Plan have been subjected to independent scrutiny by an organisation approved by the Board;

iii. arrangements for reporting progress against the Financial Recovery Plan to Solihull CCG’s executive team and governing body and the Board to enable prompt action to be taken should there be any deviation from the Financial Recovery Plan

iv. a demonstration of clear links to internal budgets, reporting, activity plans, cash plans and contracting:
  i. a clear risk assessment of the Financial Recovery Plan;
  ii. any other requirements stipulated by the Board;

b. the Financial Recovery Plan will be subject to the Board’s approval;

c. Solihull CCG will implement the Financial Recovery Plan;

d. CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan including but not limited to the prompt provision of information requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board to discuss the Financial Recovery Plan, the implementation and the progress of the same; and

e. it may direct Solihull CCG in any other matters relating to the Financial Recovery Plan.

(5) The Board further directs that:

a. Solihull CCG shall by 30th September 2017 develop a plan (“the Integration Plan”) for place based integration with key partners that includes the development of joint commissioning arrangements.

Executive Team and Senior Appointments

(6) The Board directs that:

(a) Solihull CCG will notify the Board of the need to make any appointments to its Executive Team or its next tier of management;
(b) where it considers it necessary to do so, the Board will determine the
process to be followed by Solihull CCG in making appointments as
referred to in paragraph 6(a);
(c) the appointment of any person to a position referred to in paragraph 6(a)
and the terms of such appointment will be subject to prior approval by the
Board; and
(d) Solihull CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the appointment of
any person in accordance with paragraph 6(a), including but not limited to
the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by
the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board.

Appointment of a Chief Financial Officer

(7) The Board directs that:
(a) Solihull CCG will by 30th September 2017 appoint a Chief Financial Officer
   (i) the Board will determine the process to be followed to make an
       appointment to the position of Chief Financial Officer for Solihull
       CCG;
   (ii) the appointment of the Chief Financial Officer and the terms of such
        appointment will be subject to prior approval by the Board; and
   (iii) the Chief Financial Officer will report to the Board upon how the
        Financial Recovery Plan is being implemented as and when
        required and in such manner as the Board may determine.

(b) Solihull CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the appointment of
    its Chief Financial Officer in accordance with paragraph 7(a), including but
    not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records
    requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with
    the Board.
Compliance with these Directions

(8) The Board directs that Solihull CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the Board’s oversight of Solihull CCG’s compliance with these Directions, including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board.

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NHS Commissioning Board