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### Executive Summary

Standing Financial Instructions, Standing Orders and Reservation of Powers to the Board are due for an annual update. An overall review has been undertaken and generally there is expected to be a minimal change in the majority of areas. However, the Trust is currently reviewing the committee structure for the organisation which will have a significant impact predominately on the Reservation of Powers to the Board and the Standing Orders. As a result the update to these documents will be completed once the Committee Structure has been finalised in April and approved.

### Strategic Priorities

1. Quality and Safety
   - Reduce harm, deliver best clinical outcomes and improve patient experience.
   - Address the existing capacity shortfall and process issues to consistently deliver national healthcare standards.
   - Develop a clinical strategy that ensures the safety and short term sustainability of our clinical services pending the outcome of the Future Fit Programme.
   - To undertake a review of all current services at specialty level to inform future service and business decisions.
   - Develop a sustainable long term clinical services strategy for the Trust to deliver our vision of future healthcare services through our Future Fit Programme.

2. People
   - Through our People Strategy develop, support and engage with our workforce to make our organisation a great place to work.

3. Innovation
   - Support service transformation and increased productivity through technology and continuous improvement strategies.

4. Community and Partnership
   - Develop the principle of ‘agency’ in our community to support a prevention agenda and improve the health and well-being of the population.
   - Embed a customer focussed approach and improve relationships through our stakeholder engagement strategies.

5. Financial Strength: Sustainable Future
   - Develop a transition plan that ensures financial sustainability and addresses liquidity issues pending the outcome of the Future Fit Programme.

### Board Assurance Framework (BAF) Risks

- If we do not deliver safe care then patients may suffer avoidable harm and poor clinical outcomes and experience serious injury.
- If we do not implement our falls prevention strategy then patients may suffer serious injury.
- If the local health and social care economy does not reduce the Fit To Transfer (FTT) waiting list from its current unacceptable levels then patients may suffer serious harm.
- Risk to sustainability of clinical services due to potential shortages of key clinical staff.
- If we do not achieve safe and efficient patient flow and improve our processes and capacity and demand planning then we will fail the national quality and performance standards.
- If we do not get good levels of staff engagement to get a culture of continuous improvement then staff morale and patient outcomes may not improve.
- If we do not have a clear clinical service vision then we may not deliver the best services to patients.
- If we are unable to resolve our (historic) shortfall in liquidity and the structural...
imbalance in the Trust's *Income & Expenditure* position then we will not be able to fulfil our financial duties and address the modernisation of our ageing estate and equipment.

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**Recommendation**

Trust Board is asked to **NOTE** the update to Standing Financial Instructions, Standing Orders and Reservation of Powers to the Board will be deferred until the Approval of the Trust's revised Committee Structure in April.