

Enclosure 6

Report to Trust Board - 31 May 2012

Title	Strategic Business Continuity Policy
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Previously considered by	Hospital Executive Committee

Executive summary

The SaTH Business Continuity Policy and Strategy document was originally presented to HEC in August 2011, where the Summary and recommendations were approved by the Committee (recommendations attached as appendix 1). However, the actual Policy and Strategy needed to have a number of amendments made with regard to the Communications Section. This work was completed and the document resubmitted to the HEC in October 2011 where the HEC agenda was deferred by a month - to make way for a bed closure meeting; the revised Policy and Strategy was then ratified on the 22nd of November 2011.

As the Policy and Strategy was written prior to completion of the organisational re-structure, a review date was set for the end of March 2012. That review is now underway and is scheduled to be fully complete by the end of July 2012 with a programme of work set with target dates to achieve

Related SATH objectives	SATH Sub-objectives
C:Quality and Safety D:Learning and Growth	C1. Ensure that we learn from mistakes and embrace what works well C2. Design care around patient needs C3. Provide the right care, right time, right place, right professional C4. Deliver services that offer safe, evidence-based practice C5. Meet regulatory requirements and healthcare standards C6. Ensure our patients suffer no avoidable harm D1. Learn to improve, innovate and cooperate continuously D3. Devolve responsibility and accountability and cooperate with each other D4. Adopt and develop a clinically led structure D5. Ensure that information management and technology works for us D6. Adopt behaviors that match our core values D7. Build service and redesign capacity and capability D8. Invest in a more flexible and responsive workforce

Risk and assurance issues	This Strategy will ensure development of a robust Business Continuity approach within SaTH and ensure SaTh is compliant with the Civil contingencies act 2004
Equality and diversity issues	This Strategy is essential to ensure continued access to all services as required
Legal and regulatory issues	Compliance with the 2004 Act

Action required by the Trust Board

To **APPROVE** progress to date as outlined in the attached update paper.