Executive Summary

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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.

### Care Quality Commission (CQC) Domains

- Safe
- Effective
- Caring
- Responsive
- Well led

### Recommendation

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3.0 Approach
Our journey of learning with colleagues from the Virginia Mason Hospital and Institute, Seattle, is now well underway, building on the inspirational visit, the Guiding Team were privileged to undertake back in the Autumn, and Cathy Smith and Nick Holding’s advanced leaning training with the Institute, we are now in a position to share this learning more widely within the Trust.

The approach is a steady, vigorously planned embedding of the Virginia Mason production method tools into our own culture and infrastructure.

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Once these changes are implemented, the sustainability and success of these will be followed up with a 30, 60, 90 and 100 day report, complimented with support and challenge from the Executive Sponsor and oversight from the Trust Guiding Team.

3.1 Education and Training

Following on from Cathy Smith and Nick Holding’s success at completing their advanced lean training (ALT) programme with the Virginia Mason Institute in Autumn 2015, Louise Brennan flies to Seattle on 25th January 2016 to commence her training and become our third KPO specialist.

It is our intention to increase the skills within the Trust by looking for every opportunity to offer further ALT training places to our staff. A proposal is being submitted to the TDA for support to secure a fourth training place with VMI.

The Virginia Mason Institute offer an opportunity to witness first-hand the culture of engagement, innovation, continuous improvement and lifelong learning, focused on improving patient safety, patient experience and staff experience within the health care setting.

To accelerate the embedding of the VMI approach and the success of our first leadership orientation workshop in November 2015, we have now three further 1.5 day events at which our staff will learn and use skills in transforming care.

To ensure the learning rapidly translates to improvements in patient care, the next cohort of colleagues will bring back outcomes and their experience of the process in the follow up session (day two) in order to share their successes and spread the learning.

3.2 Engagement and Pace

3.2.1 Guiding Board meetings

The National Guiding Board Meetings provide an environment for candid discussion around how best to accelerate our learning from VMI within the 5 selected Trusts.
and the wider NHS community. One of the outputs of this group will be an organised event early this year at which Gary Kaplan, CEO of Virginia Mason Hospital, will attend to share some of his experience.

3.2.2 Guiding team meeting
SaTH’s Guiding Team Meetings are well established, supported by Kirsten Mecklenburg-Turner from Virginia Mason who continues to challenge and support in her role of coach to the Guiding Team. The success of the Guiding Team Meeting is now enhanced with the inclusion of Victoria Maher, Workforce Director, and Neil Nesbitt, Finance Director.

SaTH’s Guiding Team members:

- Simon Wright
- Brian Newman
- Sarah Bloomfield
- Edwin Borman
- Debbie Kadum
- Adrian Osborne
- Cathy Smith (KPO Leader)
- Kirsten Mecklenburg Turner (Director, Transformation VMI)
- Neil Nesbitt
- Victoria Maher
- Peter Blythin

3.2.3 The Way we Work
The Guiding Team remains committed to ensuring that our approach to transforming care within the Trust compliments the climate within Shropshire. The work to review the ‘way we work’ within the Trust has been a great opportunity to align the VMI approach, ensuring that continuous improvement becomes a standard part of the work we do.

3.2.4 Leadership behaviours
The values (listed below) adopted by all SaTH employees is a great building block to further develop the leadership behaviours within the Trust, ensuring that the approach supports continuous improvement. These expected enhanced leadership behaviours will become explicit in documentation (Compact) for senior leadership and clinicians working within our Trust during this year, support by compact development experts Amicus.

- Proud to Care
- Make it happen
- We value respect
- Together we achieve

3.2.5 Improvement work reflecting the principles of VMI
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3.3 Infrastructure
We are delighted that the Kaizen Promotion Office team has been established and are supported by Laura Kavanagh, HR Business Partner, and Tricia Penney, Corporate Finance Manager:

- Cathy Smith – KPO Leader
- Nick Holding – KPO Specialist
- Louise Brennan – KPO Specialist
- Carla Webster – KPO Facilitator
- Richard Stephens – KPO Facilitator
- Rachel Hanmer – PA to KPO Team
- Tony Fox – KPO Medical Advisor

The KPO team will provide:

- The expert knowledge to support the rapid improvement events for the value stream work.
- The expert knowledge to teach techniques at the leadership and orientation training
- Teach techniques and support departmental continuous improvements
- Support 100 staff members to personally improve the care/experience of their patients in the first 12 months of the programme
- Educate 1000 staff members in the transforming care methodology (VMI)
- The KPO leader will deliver the lean for leaders programme for selected leaders during 2016/17.

3.4 Communication and Media
Adrian Osborne, Director of Communication continues to lead SaTH’s approach to internal and external communication of this accelerated transformation programme.

Methods include:

- National media Plan
- Local media Plan
- Monthly updates to the Trust Board
- Weekly KPO newsletter

3.5 Policy and Learning
Victoria Maher and Tony Fox, Guiding Team Members, have a responsibility for helping to identify and resolve issues where current policy recreates barriers to transforming care.
This work will become increasingly important as the extensive programme of work over the next few years align our transforming care work with Trust strategies, creating an enhanced state of continuous improvement.

4.0 Conclusion
It is wonderful to see considerable enthusiasm and appetite from our staff for progressing this transforming care programme into reality for the benefit of patients and their families. The Guiding Team continues to take responsibility for ensuring milestones and objectives are realised, the first of which was ensuring that the KPO team was established early in the New Year (2016), and that our first Sponsor Development Day, leading to improvement work is scheduled in January (25th) 2016.

Work has now begun on the second value stream, the pathway for the septic patient and with leaders of this work identified and a update will be provided to the board next week.

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