

Sustainability Committee

Key summary points for the board from the meeting of the Sustainability Committee held on 23rd May 2017.

Month 1 Finance Position

At the end of month 1 the Trust had planned to deliver an in year deficit before CIP delivery of £2.384 million and actually recorded a deficit of £2.834 million, £0.450 million away from plan, or £1.017 million away including the CIP. Income was lower than expected with some areas underperforming against plan and this would be monitored over the next few months. Pay and Non pay expenditure were consistent with previous spend. Delivery of the full CIP would again be a challenge for the Trust.

Review of Standing Financial Instructions, Standing Orders and Reservation of Powers to the Board

Following a review of the above documents and subject to some additional very minor amendments, the committee recommended approval of the documents to Trust Board.

Meeting Current and Future Endoscopy Demand

A business case to address the challenges of meeting the current and future endoscopy demand was presented to the committee. Acknowledging the increasing demand of endoscopy services and the recent loss of the Trust's Joint Advisory Group accreditation, the committee considered three options. After reflection, the committee recommended approval of the preferred option 3 to Trust Board, subject to a re-examination of the expenditure in 2017/18. Details of this to be presented to the committee meeting on 27th June 2017.

Operational Plan 2017/19 – Progress Report Month 1

The committee noted the performance as at Month 01 and the particular progress being made in relation to each of the 36 objectives. The committee requested a monthly progress update at future meetings from Meridian on the Productivity Improvement project relating to Theatres, Radiology and Outpatients. More detailed updates on objectives 23 (Paediatric Service Model), 29 (roll out of Exemplar Ward Programme), 30 (Results and Recommendations following CQC assessment in December 2016) and 31 (Reporting process of serious incidents) were also requested.

The two objectives selected for presentations this month were:

- Dischargology (Objective 19) which aims to support the Trust's proposal to reduce length of stay, better align therapy resources and quantify the value of therapy activity, and
- Red to Green (Objective 7), a national improvement initiative introduced as a result of the significant number of patients in hospital longer than they should be with the aim to reduce non-value added time for patients and work to get them home sooner.

The committee commended the work being undertaken in relation to these two initiatives.

Other issues discussed

- Approval of Costing Process 2016/17.
- Board Assurance Frame risks were reviewed and rag rating status re-confirmed.

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