

## Finance and Performance Assurance Committee Key Issues Report

<b>Report Date:</b> 23 August 2022		<b>Report of:</b> Finance and Performance Assurance Committee
<b>Date of last meeting:</b> 23 August 2022		<b>Membership Numbers:</b> The meeting was quorate.
1	<b>Agenda</b>	The Committee considered an agenda which included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Highlights</li> <li>• Finance Report Month 4</li> <li>• Workforce – agency spend and framework issues</li> <li>• Strategy and Partnerships Update</li> <li>• Trust Cash Position</li> <li>• EPRR Core Standards</li> </ul>
2a	<b>Alert</b>	The Committee wished to alert members of the Board that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee was briefed on the need to apply for cash support in October 2022 which is driven by the planned underlying deficit.</li> <li>• 62day cancer backlog reduction is off track against the trajectory, due to three main drivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to CT scans; to Endoscopy &amp; Colonoscopy and Ultrasound capacity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RTT – 104 weeks reduction is on plan</li> <li>• 78 weeks is below plan but continues to improve</li> <li>• Diagnostic performance – marginal reduction in performance in July, due to staff absence and Covid19</li> <li>• There is a continuing and sustained reliance on agency staffing which is exacerbated by continuing Covid prevalence in our patients and staff and the need to use escalation areas. There is a national requirement to reduce the use of agency and eliminate the off-framework providers such as Thornberry by December. The Trust is devising a plan to ensure compliance.</li> </ul>
2b	<b>Assurance</b>	The Committee wish to assure members of the Board that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be more capacity with diagnostics coming online in September 2022 due to the success of international recruitment which will improve CT and MR capacity</li> <li>• Weekly meetings are taking place with the Regional team to reinforce assurance.</li> <li>• Weekly internal PTL meetings in place to monitor every patient on a cancer pathway and RTT pathway.</li> <li>• On going clinical and administrative validation in place to ensure all patient lists are accurate.</li> </ul>
2c	<b>Advise</b>	The Committee wish to advise members of the Board that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Efficiency programme is on track mainly through support from trust-wide schemes</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Financial Controller role is being recruited to further strengthen the finance team</li> </ul>		
3	<b>Actions to be considered by the Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
4	<b>Report compiled by</b>	<i>David Brown Chair</i>	<b>Minutes available from</b>	<i>Julie Wright Committee Support</i>