

Finance & Performance Assurance Committee, Key Issues Report		
Report Date: 20/12/2023		Report of: Finance & Performance Assurance Committee
Date of meeting: 22/12/2023		Raj Dhaliwal, David Brown, Helen Troalen, Sara Biffen, Richard Miner, Nigel Lee, Adam Winstanley, Julie Wright.
1	Agenda	<p>The Committee considered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Highlights • Integrated Performance Report 08/2023 • Finance Report 08/23 • Internal Audit CIP follow up report • Recovery support programme funding oversight • Briefing on 2024/25 Integrated Planning Process • Strategy and Partnerships Update • Capital Planning Group
2a	Alert <i>Matters of concerns, gaps in assurance or key risks to escalate to the Board</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A and E remains a concern in terms of overcrowding and no criteria to reside is still a challenge. • Some routine activity has been lost due to recent industrial action taken by junior doctors. • The Trust has recorded a deficit of £80.2m deficit against plan of £39.6m with drivers not moving significantly compared to last month although there has also been an increase of escalation costs.
2b	Assurance <i>Positive assurances and highlights of note for the Board</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multidisciplinary check chase challenge in 14 and 21 day length of stay introduced in the MADE event to assist in moving patients on more quickly. • Elective recovering is zero at 78 weeks. Improvements are being made on cancer with a reduced backlog of 182 and additional funds received from West Midlands Cancer Alliance will help to reduce this further.
2c	Advise <i>Areas that continue to be reported on and/or where some assurance has been noted/further assurance sought.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust is being held up as a national exemplar for Budget Holder Training and forms part of the programme for Operational Manager as part of the competency framework. A new dedicated monthly session to support budget holders in reading and understanding budget reports is to commence from January 2024 with the first session already fully booked.
2d	Actions Significant follow up actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

3	Report compiled by	<i>Raj Dhaliwal - Chair Finance & Performance Assurance Committee</i>	Minutes available from	<i>Julie Wright</i>
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