

Finance & Performance Assurance Committee, Key Issues Report		
Report Date: 28/02/2024		Report of: Finance & Performance Assurance Committee
Date of meeting: 27/02/2024		Raj Dhaliwal, David Brown, Helen Troalen, Sara Biffen and Richard Miner with Nigel Lee, Adam Winstanley, Debbie Bryce, Matt Neal, Julie Wright in attendance.
1	Agenda	<p>The Committee considered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria to admit update. • Estates Strategy update • Annual review of Terms of Reference • Performance Highlights • Integrated Performance Report • Finance Report 10/23 • Quarterly Contract Award Report • Royal Shrewsbury Hospital – HTP parking option appraisal • Update on Trust Cash Position • Financial Planning – draft 2024/25 budget • 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"> • The Trust is in the operating planning round which is currently extremely fluid and as a result it is unlikely that the full financial plan will be set before the start of the new financial year. However, start of the year budgets will need to be approved by 1st April 2024 and the same approach to previous years will be adopted with approval of recurrent budgets first including any unavoidable cost pressures. • There continues to be challenges in achieving the ED performance trajectory. Minors' performance returned to over 90% in January following a dip in December. SATH is working closely with GIRFT to improve this position.
2b	Assurance <i>Positive assurances and highlights of note for the Board</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED time to initial assessment continues to improve. • It is acknowledged there have been challenges with paediatrics and issues with equipment however this has now been rectified. • Improvements have been made with the cancer faster diagnosis standard, and 62-day backlog. On trajectory to achieve the backlog trajectory at the end of March 2024. • Significant improvement in diagnostics with particular focus on Non obstetric ultrasound now delivering over the 85% standard. • Following the GIRFT visit specific actions and workstreams will be in place to support the UEC improvement plan. • Theatre utilisation is improving on the RSH site with overall performance at 79% • The Committee recognises that the Trust is extremely focused on driving change through collaborative working and continues to work closely with system partners across a range of workstreams.

		This includes the formal Provider Collaborative with the 4 NHS Trusts and Integrated Place Partnerships, whilst exploring further opportunities across the ICS.		
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 RSH HTP Parking Options paper was received at FPAC, and the Committee understands the options and are content with the proposal to explore further options for some additional space on site supplemented by park and ride capacity • Virtual ward remains off track despite launching two more pathways and work continues with colleagues with training and promoting the virtual ward. • Further work to be undertaken on theatre utilisation on PRH prior to opening elective hub. 		
2d	Actions Significant <i>follow up actions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIRFT action plan and programme documentation to be brought to FPAC in March 2024 to show the work being done and further work scheduled with UEC. 		
3	Report compiled by	<i>Raj Dhaliwal - Chair Finance & Performance Assurance Committee</i>	Minutes available from	<i>Julie Wright</i>