

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC	Date: 31st JANUARY 2013	
	Agenda Item: 5.2	
REPORT TITLE:	FOUNDATION TRUST PROGRESS UPDATE	
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REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)	Executive Team meeting 2.1.13 Trust Board Seminar 16.1.13	
Purpose of the Report and Action Required:		(√)
This report provides the Board with an update on the Trusts current progress towards Foundation Trust Status. The Board is asked to note the report.	Approval	
	Discussion	
	Information	√
Summary of Key Issues		
This report provides a progress report to the Board on our current journey towards Foundation Trust (FT) status including the development of the terms of reference for the FT Project Board, draft realigned Tripartite Formal Agreement the next key milestones due to take place over the coming weeks.		
Relationship to Trust Corporate Objectives & Assurance Framework:		
Objective 4 – Become a sustainable, effective organisation.		
Corporate Impact Assessment:		
Legal and regulatory implications	N/A	
Financial implications	Development of a financial plan will be required to support the FT application.	
Patient Experience/Engagement	Improving patient experience and engagement is at the heart of our FT application.	
Risk & Performance Management	N/A	
NHS Constitution/Equality & Diversity/Communication	The FT application process will give the Trust a greater opportunity to show how it meets the requirements of the NHS Constitution and Equality legislation.	
Attachments:		
N/A		

FOUNDATION TRUST UPDATE

1. Introduction

This report provides a progress report to the Board on our current journey towards Foundation Trust (FT) status and the next steps due to take place over the coming weeks.

2. Tripartite Formal Agreement

The Board will be aware that our planned escalation meeting with the NHS Trust Development Authority to discuss our Tripartite Formal Agreement (TFA) and the next steps for our FT application took place on 3rd December 2012.

There was an acknowledgement that the Trust had made significant progress in sustaining performance and quality improvements over the last nine months and in developing initial plans that provided a pathway towards a sustainable future for our services. We also commended for the work undertaken to prepare our first formal drafts of our Integrated Business Plan (IBP) and Long Term Financial Model (LTFM) underpinned by our draft Clinical Strategy.

The next steps are for SaSH to confirm formal resolution of the 2012/13 income gaps with NHS Sussex and NHS Surrey with a further review meeting with the TDA to take place in the early 2013.

3. FT Project Board

The draft Terms of Reference for the FT Project Board were discussed by the Executive Team and at the Trust Board Seminar in January and this Project Board will meet on a fortnightly basis from the early February onwards and be responsible for providing a governing forum for the delivery of the FT application and provide leadership for the FT project team and updating the Board and the Trust as a whole on progress.

4. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note our progress towards Foundation Trust status. Future reports will be brought to the Board on a regular basis.