

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ASSURANCE REPORT

Presented for:	Information/Escalation/Decision
Committee Name:	Finance and Digital Committee
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Points of Escalation

- The UEC Proposal (transfer of UTC to PCH) is recommended to the board for approval, with the following conditions:
 - Cost neutral position of the transfer of the service to be revisited with CCG
 - Benefits of additional expenditure to be shown against cost.
- Report received and reviewed on the Major incident on 8 February: IT outage following installation of NHS changes. This included clarification and recommunication of Change Management processes.

Key Issues

- Financial performance at M11 is favourable to plan at a deficit of £3.9m YTD, £7.5m favourable to plan, continuing previous trend with non-Covid activity lower than plan, and including £3.8m income recognised in the month from NHSI to compensate for lost non-NHS income.
- CIP programme on target to meet budget of £3.7m – modest, given the pandemic, but important regarding financial discipline.
- Forecast for the year is currently expected to be a £6.3m deficit following the NHSI income; if there are changes to the situation, FDC delegated decision to CEO, CFO and Chair of Committee before next FDC.
- Planning for 2021/22 reviewed – emphasis on cost reduction, rather than income generation. Draft Budget to be reviewed by FDC before next Board.
- Capital forecast for the year still expected to be largely achieved – £20.2m against £20.6m.
- Shared Business Services 10-year contract extension supported by Committee at a cost of £400k per annum. The Committee requested a review of Financial Orders regarding the authority level for such revenue commitments.
- Investment appraisal of £105k for Additional Air Mattresses approved.

Risks

- Digital BAF commitments reviewed – some rescheduling of projects required because of the pandemic.

Spotlight Outstanding Practice and Innovation

- Alignment of PACS Systems: PCH and HH.
- Awarded £250k as part of Digital Aspirants national scheme.

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