

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD (PUBLIC)

REPORT TITLE	Application for Associated University Status of the University of Leicester
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DATE OF MEETING	10 August 2021
PRESENTED FOR	Decision
ITEM PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY	Public Trust Board

Presented For: Definitions

Information	For information only. Not to be discussed at meeting unless members have specific questions.
Discussion	For discussion and possibly future decision. This includes items presented for assurance.
Decision	For approval and/or when any other decision is required

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks approval for the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Strategic Partnership Agreement with University of Leicester to achieve Associated University Status. This will formalise and allow for enhancement of educational and research links between the organisations.

RISKS RELEVANT TO THE PAPER

Risk ID	Risk Description

RISK APPETITE RELEVANT TO THE PAPER (insert relevant section from Risk Appetite Statement from Risk Management Policy)

DOMAIN	TRUST RISK APPETITE LEVEL	DESCRIPTION OF RISK APPETITE
Continuous Quality Improvement / Innovation	Seek - Innovation pursued – desire to “break the mould” and challenge current working practices. New technologies viewed as a key enabler of operational delivery. High levels of devolved authority – management by trust rather than tight control	Innovation pursued – desire to “break the mould” and challenge current working practices. New technologies viewed as a key enabler of operational delivery. High levels of devolved authority – management by trust rather than tight control

THE BOARD IS ASKED TO:

1. Give approval to the proposal



STRATEGIC GOALS THIS REPORT SUPPORTS *(Check all that apply)*

Delivering outstanding care and experience	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recruiting developing and retaining our workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improving and developing our services and infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Working together with local health and social care providers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delivering financial sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF THE PAPER

Legal/ Regulatory Relevance:	N/A
NHS Constitution Delivery	N/A
Freedom of Information Release	This report can be released under the Freedom of information Act 2000

Equality and Diversity Implications *(Check all that apply)*

Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Disability	Pregnancy/ Maternity	Marriage/ Civil Partnership	Religion/ Belief	Sexual Orientation	Gender Reassignment
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<i>Additional comments</i>								

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

North West Anglia NHSFT (and formerly Peterborough and Stamford NHSFT) has enjoyed a longstanding relationship regarding education of medical students from the University of Leicester. The achievement of Associated University status would further formalise the links and add to the profile and reputation of the Trust. Once the Associated University Status has been achieved, there is a plan to work towards University status. The current work-streams are:

- Acceptance of increased numbers of medical students
- Acceptance of increased numbers of non-medical students (nursing, midwifery and allied health professionals)
- Expansion of research portfolio – jointly and independently

- 1.1 If the Board gives approval to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Strategic Partnership Agreement, the agreement will be forwarded to the University of Leicester for ratification and thereafter the status can be conferred.
- 1.2 The benefit to the Trust is the expected enhancement of its profile and attractiveness to both clinical and non-clinical staff leading to their recruitment and retention.
- 1.3 There is no risk to non-approval; the status quo will pertain. There is no downside risk to approval as the Trust will be expected to educate increased numbers of medical students a part of a national initiative. Funding will follow the increased numbers of students. There are no quality risks. The enhanced research activity will improve the quality of patient care.
- 1.4 The Trust also has parallel medical educational links with Cambridge University but this university does not offer Associated University Status. It is, however, at North West Anglia NHSFT's request changing its constitution to confer Teaching Partner status.