

# Board of Directors Meeting

**Subject:** Chief Executive's Report  
**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
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<b>Executive Summary</b>	
This is the Chief Executives Report as presented to the Board of Directors.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
The Board is asked to note the content of this paper and specifically where verbal updates will be given at the Board meeting.	
<b>Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)</b>	
<b>To consistently deliver a high quality patient experience safely and effectively</b>	<b>To develop extended clinical networks that benefit the patients we serve</b>
<b>To eliminate the variability of access to and outcomes from our acute services</b>	<b>To provide efficient and cost-effective services and deliver better value healthcare</b>
<b>To reduce demand on hospital services and deliver care closer to home</b>	

<b>Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register</b>	
<b>Details of additional risks associated with this paper</b> <i>(may include CQC Essential Standards, NHSLA, NHS Constitution)</i>	N/A
<b>Links to NHS Constitution</b>	N/A
<b>Financial Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Legal Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Partnership working &amp; Public Engagement Implications/Impact</b>	
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>	N/A
<b>Monitoring and Review</b>	N/A
<b>Is a QIA required/been completed? If yes provide brief details</b>	N/A

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

**1. Monitor Activity**

Routine weekly meetings with Monitor continue with the main focus being assessing progress towards developing a Long Term Partnership with another Trust. The Chief Executive's report will update the Board on progress in this respect.

**2. National Communications**

All Trust Boards have received a joint letter from Jim Mackey and Professor Sir Mike Richards which asks that Boards consider quality and finance on an equal footing in their planning decisions.

The letter highlights that in due course, Monitor, together with the CQC and NHSE will be publishing revised National Quality Board Staffing guidance, and a new metric looking at care hours per patient day, as part of the CQC's assessment on use of resources. Details are expected in the coming months.

The letter referred to is in the Reading Room.

Trusts have also received letters from NHS Improvement highlighting their indicative share of the £1.8bn sustainability fund. This support has a number of conditions attached and details will be provided in the Chief Financial Officer's report to the Board.

Trusts should expect final recommendations from Lord Carter's review into operational productivity in late January/early February. This report is likely to outline the essential steps that are necessary in order for the NHS to generate the target £5bn efficiency savings by the end of the current parliament.

Trusts have also received a letter from NHS Improvement outlining additional arrangements to tackle agency costs. The Director of HR will outline these arrangements in the Board meeting and the letter is in the Reading Room.

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