

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Midlands and East 2 Pathology Network Annual Report	Date: January 2020		
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Approved By:	ME2 Network Board			
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Purpose				
The Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust Board are asked to note the contents of the attached report, outlining the progress made by the Midlands and East 2 (ME2) Pathology Network over the last year.			Approval	x
			Assurance	
			Update	x
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
			x	x
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
	x			
Risks/Issues				
Financial	Collaborating as a Pathology Network should deliver efficiencies greater than individual Trusts. Eg procurement opportunities, however financial gain may be delayed for individual Trusts			
Patient Impact				
Staff Impact	There will be future service model changes that may impact on where and how staff in Pathology work			
Services	Working across the Network should support mitigation against the risk of staff shortages			
Reputational				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Trust Management Team				
Executive Summary				
<p>The Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust Board are asked to note the contents of the attached report, outlining the progress made by the Midlands and East 2 (ME2) Pathology Network over the last year.</p> <p>The report outlines a number of workstreams, some of which have progressed, but others require a more formal structure or additional resources to progress.</p> <p>The Board is asked to support the 8 steps outlined on pages 6, 7 and 8, seen as essential to progress and deliver the outputs the Network is expected to achieve. Of particular note is the requirement to prioritise Network procurement above individual Trust initiatives, unless there is a specific service or patient risk that requires immediate action.</p> <p>The Pathology service at SFHT continues to work in partnership with NUH, and has already achieved some efficiencies together, whilst supporting the Network initiatives.</p>				

