

Finance and Investment Committee Report

	Item:
Date: 26 November 2014	Enclosure:
Purpose of the Report: To report to the Trust Board on the meeting of the Finance and Investment Committee held on 20 November 2014	
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Recommendations & Actions required by the Committee: The Board is asked to note the report, and endorse the action taken by the Committee	

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Financial Position

The Committee considered the month 7 (October) position, which is before the Board in a separate report. Overall there had been a £0.4m adverse variance to plan bringing the cumulative position to £1m adverse to plan. The capital programme has delivered 89% of the plan to date, and cash remains at £5.5m. The Trust has maintained its Continuity of Service Rating of 3 with 3 for debt service cover and 3 for liquidity.

The Committee agreed to the actions proposed by the Executive Management Team to ensure that the Trust delivers the planned surplus for the year.

Performance Review

The Committee also noted the good performance of the Trust's partnerships with BMI and the Royal Marsden, and considered the Annual Review of the contract with St George's for services provided at Queen Mary's Roehampton, and called for the early completion and sign-off of the service specifications and service level agreement.

The Committee noted the position on creditors and debtors, and the work being done to improve the position, especially in relation to St George's.

The Committee received a presentation on cashflow (projected and actual), which is now being monitored daily, and thanked the Deputy Director and the Finance staff for their work in developing this.

The Committee also noted the good progress being made on iSLR.

The Committee reviewed the programming of projects, funding and expenditure of capital programme in detail, covering both the main IT, estates, and equipment programmes and the Estate Strategy programme. The development of the Sir William Rous (using £1m Thorne legacy) was deferred until 2015/16 due to design delays, and Monitor had been informed as part of the Quarter 2 return (as the use of the legacy affects the overall totals used by Monitor for revenue as well as capital).

The Committee considered a letter dated 31 October from Monitor, giving their assessment of the Trust's five year strategic plan submitted in June 2015. The assessment was a system based test of the financial plans which they have used to identify which trusts may require further engagement in a supportive manner if risks to sustainability are identified. They have stressed that this is not a regulatory scoring. They have rated our plans as amber but have clarified that this was a very marginal result, with their review not highlighting any undue concern.

Finally the Committee asked for their congratulations to be passed on to all those staff responsible for the reduction in penalties in the last two months, reflecting good performance on avoiding 52 weeks breaches, Never Events, Diagnostic Waits, A & breaches, and unrecorded VTE risk assessments. Further work was being done on the fixed percentage penalty for re-admissions.

The Board is asked to note the report and endorse the action taken by the Committee.

Michael Jennings
Chairman, Finance & Investment Committee