

Board of Directors Meeting in Private - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Update on Brexit Preparedness		Date: 25 th November 2020	
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Presented By:	Richard Mitchel – Chief Executive			
Purpose				
To UPDATE the Rust Board on preparedness for the end of the EU Exit Transition Period			Approval	
			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
Indicate which strategic objective(s) the report support				
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
Indicate the overall level of assurance provided by the report -			Assurance is restricted to local actions but requires national guidance and support	Negative reports
Risks/Issues				
Indicate the risks or issues created or mitigated through the report				
Financial	A smooth exit from the transition period will enable continuity of services and therefore revenues			
Patient Impact	Uninterrupted service delivery means minimal impact on patient care			
Staff Impact	Staff will be enabled to continue delivering care			
Services	Services will be maintained via good management of any foreseeable disruptions			
Reputational	Trust reputation is maintained and enhanced by consistent service delivery			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
None				
Executive Summary				
<p>The Brexit Working Group has been reconvened and is meeting, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Executive now on a weekly basis. The EU Exit Risk Register has been updated, with the highest score (9) attributed to potential disruption to supply of medical and surgical consumables due to delays at border crossings. No significant risks or concerns have been identified by specialist leads and the Government has put in place various mitigations to respond to any problems.</p> <p>This multi-layered approach of the Government involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has improved stock build up within its key suppliers • Facilitated alternative supply routes away from the short straight routes • Adopted an all-hazards response posture routing all Brexit escalations through the regional incident command structures already set up for Covid-19. 				

- Included Commercial and Procurement Cell and Shortage Response Groups into the above.
- Trader readiness – supporting companies with their own preparations.
- Enabled the building of 6 weeks’ of buffer stocks held within UK
- Introduced some flexibilities within regulations, including a two-year standstill on medicine regulations
- Introduced the enhanced shortage management protocols via the National Supply Disruption Response (NSDR) within DHSC.

An exercise of Trust arrangements will take place in early December to provide further assurance and the Trust continues to liaise with system partners and follow guidance to identify and address areas of concern.