

Board of Directors Meeting

Report

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding between Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Executive Summary

In pursuit of one of the Trust's strategic objectives, to build a strategic partnership with NUH as our key tertiary referral destination and neighbouring acute service provider, this Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up by officers of both organisations as a building block for the developing partnership. Its execution will provide a helpful backdrop to our continuing work to develop and strengthen the links between clinical services across Nottinghamshire for the benefit of local people.

Whilst both NUH and SFH are identified coordinating providers in the context of the Better Together re-commissioning exercise, and are therefore likely to be signing up to some form of wider partnership agreement in that context, both executive teams believe that forming a strong bi-lateral partnership is mutually beneficial.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with his counterpart at NUH as soon as the opportunity arises.

Relevant Strategic Objectives (please mark in bold)

Achieve the best patient experience	Achieve financial sustainability
Improve patient safety and provide high quality care	Build successful relationships with external organisations and regulators
Attract, develop and motivate effective teams	

Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register	This is part of a strategic initiative to secure the long term clinical and financial sustainability of the Trust, and as such is intrinsic to the BAF and risk register.
Details of additional risks associated with this paper (may include CQC Essential Standards, NHSLA, NHS Constitution)	N/A
Links to NHS Constitution	Links into providing high quality NHS services to the people of Mid-Nottinghamshire.
Financial Implications/Impact	N/A

Legal Implications/Impact	N/A
Partnership working & Public Engagement Implications/Impact	Intrinsic.
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before	Private Board of Directors
Monitoring and Review	Intermittent via Board to Board interaction.
Is a QIA required/been completed? If yes provide brief details	N/A