

# Board of Directors Meeting

# Report

**Subject: Western Hub Pathology Alliance**

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**Executive Summary**

There have now been a series of five meetings in the format of a “Shadow Board” exploring the approach to working differently across the three hospitals designated as the “Western Hub”.

Sherwood Forest, Chesterfield and Derby all agree to continue the work on provider collaboration, following the abortive work by the CCGs to tender for all of the East Midlands GP pathology services.

The paper covers three key pieces of work undertaken and agreed by the three participating organisations.

- A ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ governing the work has been accepted within the Shadow Board.
- Also the ‘scope’ of services affected by the shared approach has been agreed.
- A key potential area of financial and service improvement surrounds the procurement of a new blood sciences platform at Chesterfield and Sherwood Forest.

**Recommendation**

**Members of the Board are asked to note the content of the attached paper and confirm approval to two key recommendations**

- The attached paper sets out the work already undertaken and recommends Sherwood Forest continues to be committed to the development of the alliance. The Board are asked to confirm this continued commitment.
- The Board are asked to authorise the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the three parties.

Although more formal work is required around the organisational form of the new Alliance, the Board are asked to consider the potential options set out in the paper.

**Relevant Strategic Objectives (please mark in bold)**

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

<b>Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register</b>	Will be determined once more clarity on the organisation form and commercial/contractual structure is identified
<b>Details of additional risks associated with this paper</b> <i>(may include CQC Essential Standards, NHSLA, NHS Constitution)</i>	Will be determined once more clarity on the organisation form and commercial/contractual structure is identified
<b>Links to NHS Constitution</b>	
<b>Financial Implications/Impact</b>	Will be determined once more clarity on the organisation form and commercial/contractual structure is identified
<b>Legal Implications/Impact</b>	Will be determined once more clarity on the organisation form and commercial/contractual structure is identified
<b>Partnership working &amp; Public Engagement Implications/Impact</b>	Will be determined once more clarity on the organisation form and commercial/contractual structure is identified
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>	Pathology Alliance has been discussed in numerous forums
<b>Monitoring and Review</b>	Ongoing
<b>Is a QIA required/been completed? If yes provide brief details</b>	Will be required