

Board of Directors – Cover Sheet

Subject:	EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance	Date: 31 st January 2019		
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Purpose				
To provide the Board of Directors with an update on progress against the Department of Health & Social Care EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance.			Approval	
			Assurance	X
			Update	
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care to our patients	To support each other to do a great job	To inspire excellence	To get the most from our resources	To play a leading role in transforming health and care services
X			X	
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
		X		
Risks/Issues				
Financial	Possibility of unit cost increase			
Patient Impact	Lack of staff and supplies would impact directly on patient care			
Staff Impact	Potential increase in stress due to lack of staff and supplies			
Services	Lack of staff and supplies would impact on the ability to provide effective services			
Reputational	May not be able to provide services to the current standard			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Risk Committee				
Executive Summary				
<p>The Department of Health & Social Care document “EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance”, developed and agreed with NHS England and Improvement, lists the actions that providers and commissioners of health and services in England should take if the UK leaves the EU without a ratified deal – a ‘no deal’ exit. This will ensure organisations are prepared for, and can manage, the risks in such a scenario.</p> <p>All organisations receiving this guidance are advised to undertake local EU Exit readiness planning, local risk assessments and plan for wider potential impacts. In addition, the actions in this guidance cover seven areas of activity in the health and care system that the Department of Health and Social Care is focussing on in its ‘no deal’ exit contingency planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supply of medicines and vaccines; • supply of medical devices and clinical consumables; • supply of non-clinical consumables, goods and services; • workforce; • reciprocal healthcare; • research and clinical trials; and • data sharing, processing and access. <p>The attached report provides the Board of Directors with an update on progress, provided by the respective leads for each category, against each of the actions contained within the guidance.</p>				