

SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Subject:	The Mandate – A mandate from the Government to the NHS Commissioning Board: April 2013 to March 2015.
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To provide Board members with an overview and copy of the mandate set by Government for the NHS Commissioning Board from 2013 to 2015.

KEY POINTS:

On 13 November, the first Mandate between the Government and the NHS Commissioning Board, was published.

It is structured around the NHS Outcomes Framework and sets the NHS Commissioning Board objectives until 2015.

The five key domains from the Outcomes Framework are as follows:

- preventing people from dying prematurely
- enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions
- helping people to recover from episodes of ill health or following injury
- ensuring that people have a positive experience of care
- treating and caring for people in a safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm.

A number of particular priority areas are identified as follows:

- improving standards of care and not just treatment, especially for the elderly
- better diagnosis, treatment and care for people with dementia
- better care for women during pregnancy, including a named midwife responsible for ensuring personalised, one-to-one care throughout pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period
- every patient will be able to give feedback on the quality of their care through the Friends and Family Test starting from next April – so patients will be able to tell which wards, A&E departments, maternity units and hospitals are providing the best care
- by 2015 everyone will be able to book their GP appointments online, order a repeat prescription online and talk to their GP online

- putting mental health on an equal footing with physical health – this means everyone who needs mental health services having timely access to the best available treatment
- preventing premature deaths from the biggest killers
- by 2015, everyone should be able to find out how well their local NHS is providing the care they need, with the publication of the results it achieves for all major services.

The Mandate also sets out Government expectations and requirements with respect to:

Freeing the NHS to innovate;
The broader role of the NHS in society; and
Finance.

The National Commissioning Board is obliged to publish an annual assessment of its performance against the requirements of the Mandate. The Government will also publish an annual assessment of this performance, which will include feedback from CCGs, local councils, patients and other people and organisations with a view.

Clearly two of the key delivery mechanisms for the Board will be the services it commissions and contracts for directly, such as specialised services and its oversight of the commissioning activities and approaches of Clinical Commissioning Groups. Hence, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as an NHS provider of care will be expected to play its part in the delivery of these ambitions and requirements.

IMPLICATIONS:

AIM OF THE STHFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2012-2017		TICK AS APPROPRIATE
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	✓
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	✓
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	✓
5	Deliver Excellent Research, Education & Innovation	✓

RECOMMENDATION(S):

To note the content of the recently published NHS Mandate and the likely implications for STH.

APPROVAL PROCESS:

Meeting	Date	Approved Y/N
Board	19/12/12	