

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Subject	Yorkshire and Humber Genomic Medicine Centre Update
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update Board on the progress towards the creation of a Yorkshire and Humber Genomic Medicine Centre.

KEY POINTS

<p>A bid for the creation of a Yorkshire and Humber Genomic Medicine Centre (YH GMC) was submitted in response to an Invitation to Tender from NHS England in November 2014. This was a collaborative bid involving Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and was facilitated by the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network.</p> <p>After discussion with NHS England, it was decided to withdraw the bid to allow time for further development of this relatively new collaboration in order to submit a stronger bid in Wave 2 of the Genomic Medicine Centre appointment process.</p> <p>NHS England has provided feedback on the original bid and offered support in developing a Wave 2 bid.</p> <p>An indicative timetable has been provided for the various stages of the Wave 2 process.</p> <p>A key requirement will be the need to involve other provider Trusts in Yorkshire and Humber in order to ensure equity of access to patients across the region.</p>

IMPLICATIONS²

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	√

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked to receive the update and note the progress towards the development of the Yorkshire and Humber Genomic Medicine Centre.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Meeting	Date	Approved Y/N
Board of Directors	18 March	

Update on Yorkshire and Humber Genomic Medicine Centre Application Process

18 March 2015

1. Recap on Process to date

In November 2014, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals (STH) in collaboration with Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust (SCH) and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTH) submitted a joint bid to become a combined Yorkshire and Humber Genomic Medicine Centre (YH GMC). This joint application had been prompted by a suggestion from NHS England (NHSE) following successful separate pre-qualification bids by Sheffield (joint STH-SCH) and LTH earlier in the year.

Following discussions with NHSE in December, it was decided to withdraw the YH GMC bid in order to allow more time for the collaboration to develop further and to be in a position to submit a stronger and better-prepared bid as part of the Wave 2 GMC appointments.

Verbal feedback was provided to representatives of the three Trusts involved in the bid on 29 January 2015 and written feedback from this meeting was received on 9th March 2015.

2. Summary of current position

2.1 Feedback session with NHS England, 29 January 2015

The feedback session with NHSE to discuss the YH GMC Wave 1 application took place on 29 January 2015. The three constituent Trusts were represented at this meeting.

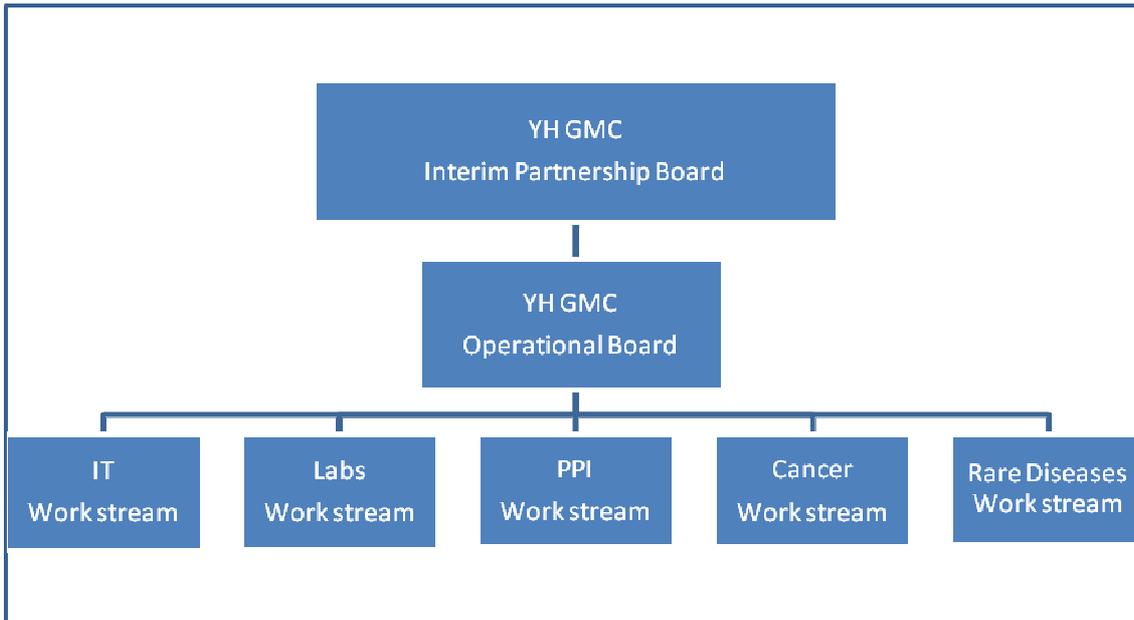
Key points from the meeting were as follows:

- NHSE has indicated that YH GMC will remain pre-qualified for Wave 2 of the national programme.
- It is expected that the procurement exercise will commence early in the new financial year (2015/16)
- The interim Project Board are planning to have an application ready for submission by the end of May 2015.
- NHSE wish to see comprehensive cover of the Yorkshire and Humber region and therefore expect to see involvement of the other Trusts in the geographical area in the YH GMC process.
- The Laboratory response to the service specification within the bid was considered satisfactory but further development of the recruitment/consent and patient/public involvement elements would be required for the bid to be successful.
- In anticipation of a successful Wave 2 bid by YH GMC, the recruitment numbers for some other centres have been adjusted downwards by NHSE to preserve capacity within the project to accommodate patient recruitment in Yorkshire and Humber.
- The indicative procurement timetable for Wave 2 GMC sites is given in the table below

Milestone	Proposed date
A revised service specification from NHSE	23rd February (not yet published)
Wave 2 Pre-qualification (YH GMC will remain pre-qualified)	Mid-April
ITT2 signed off	May/June 2015
Contracts signed off	September 2015
Inspections	October 2015

3. Interim YH GMC structure

The interim structure of the YH GMC consists of an Interim Partnership Board, an Interim Operational Board and five workstream groups as illustrated below. The Interim Partnership Board has managerial representation from the three participating Trusts and the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network (YH AHSN). The Operational Board includes representation from the five workstreams and the Interim Partnership Board. The functioning of this structure is supported by the YH AHSN. It was agreed that the three Trusts involved in the bid would provide project management support to facilitate operational delivery. Details of the resources thought to be required for this have been forwarded to the Trust Chief Executives for consideration.



The ongoing work of the project is based upon assumptions from the Wave 1 Service Specification. It is anticipated that there will be some changes for the Wave 2 specification publication of which is currently awaited.

4. Recommendation

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