

**Meeting Assurance Report  
Council of Governors  
12 December 2023**

<b>Name of Committee / Group</b>	South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation Board (SYBAF)
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	6 November 2023
<b>Chair</b>	Annette Laban, Chair
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Kirsten Major, Chief Executive
<b>Meeting Administrator</b>	Stephanie Marson, PA to Managing Director SYBAF

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide in summary an update on the key discussions and outcomes of the above meeting.

**Agenda items covered at the meeting**

The agenda included the following items:

- Chair's Update
- Lead Chief Executive's Update
- Managing Director's Update
- Integrated Care Board Update
- Electronic Patient Record System Convergence
- SYBAF Board Assurance Framework (BAF) – Deep dive on Strategic Risk: Estates
- South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Pathology Business Case
- Financial Improvement Planning
- Long Term Non-Surgical Oncology Model

**Matters to highlight**

Specific areas to highlight are as follows:

- **Chair's Update** – The second Governor meeting had been held, which had gone well, with lively discussion about how Governors could ensure patients and the public were represented. A Governor event will be held at least once a year. This was Annette's last scheduled meeting as lead chair of the Acute Federation. Chief Executive's would discuss the Acute Federation leadership arrangements.
- **Lead Chief Executive's Update** – It was agreed that the paediatric innovator work around developmentally appropriate healthcare and transition for young people would be a focus of future organisational development work. A launch event was planned for the end of November. There was also some learning from other areas which would be shared.
- **Managing Director's Update** – There was an update on progress against the five delivery priorities. There had been a successful reduction in 104 and 78 week waits in line with national targets.  
Updates were received on the launch of the patient initiated digital mutual aid system (PIDMAS), how mutual aid will support other trusts and how capacity will be identified to offer mutual aid, a

bid for Health Technology Funding for remote monitoring equipment for children’s virtual ward, on the forthcoming launch of the Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre in January 2024.

- **SYBAF Board Assurance Framework (BAF) – Deep dive on Strategic Risk: Estates** – There had been a discussion on the estates position at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust and associated risks. Chief Executives would discuss any potential opportunities within South Yorkshire linked to the paediatric innovator work. The Acute Federation strategic estate risk would be calibrated against the Doncaster estates risk.
- **SYB Pathology Business Case** – The business case was presented, and ambition to achieve a ‘World class pathology service’, and concern noted on the timescales to obtain support for each organisations Board before Go Live in March 2024. The Acute Federation Board supported the work on the condition that concerns, including around deliverability within the timetable, were addressed through individual Trust Executive Groups.
- **Integrated Care Board Update** – The ICB Chief Executive provided updates on; a regional elective recovery event, raising the profile of the ADHD position in Sheffield, the reduction in the cohort of patients waiting over 65 weeks from 20,000 to 16,000 within a month, the challenges within diagnostics and variation across providers and opportunities to maximise the benefit of additional capacity in some areas, that urgent and emergency care performance across South Yorkshire had dipped to 70% against a national target of 76%, cancer performance for people waiting longer than 62-day referral to treatment target was 9%, the headline figure for the system was a £69m overspend at the end of month 6 which was £42m variation to plan and the discussions happening at Place, system and national level, and an update on the restructure and subsequent redundancy programme within the ICB to start the new arrangements by 1 April 2024.
- **Financial Improvement Planning** – There was an update on the work between Chief Executives and Directors of Finance on some short-term and medium-term evolving areas of work and opportunities for improvements following a joint workshop.
- **Electronic Patient Record Convergence Update** - An update was provided on the current position and the commitment made in the clinical strategy. The next steps were agreed to transition to more robust governance arrangements which incorporated wider digital convergence opportunities as an appropriate way forward.
- **Long Term Non-Surgical Oncology Model** – There was an update on the model, and noting that Paediatrics services are out of scope for this workstream it was agreed to provide more information on the work to standardise developmentally appropriate healthcare for young people as the next steps.

**New significant issues / concerns escalated including proposals on the next steps to address this**

No items highlighted for escalation.

**Implications**

<b>Aim of the STHFT Corporate Strategy</b>		<b>✓ Tick as appropriate</b>
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	✓
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	✓
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	✓
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	✓
5	Create a Sustainable Organisation	✓
6	Deliver Excellent Research, Education and Innovation	✓

**Recommendations**

The Council of Governors is asked to **NOTE** the update provided and respond to any specific points raised within the report.