

**Meeting Assurance Report
Board of Directors
24 September 2024**

Name of Committee / Group	South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation (SYBAF) Board
Date of Meeting	2 September 2024
STH Committee in Common Chair	Annette Laban, Chair
Lead Officer	Kirsten Major, Chief Executive
Meeting Administrator	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:

- SYBAF Board Chair's Update
- SYBAF Board Lead Chief Executive's Update
- SYBAF Managing Director's Update
- Integrated Care Board Update
- Financial position and System Efficiency
- Clinical Services Sustainability Review
- Digital Convergence
- Pathology Programme Lessons Learnt Report

Matters to highlight

Specific areas to highlight are as follows:

- **SYBAF Board Chair's Update** – An event has been planned for partner trust Non-Executive Directors and Chairs on 25 September to engage them in the work of the Acute Federation. All STH Non-Executive Directors are encouraged to attend as available and details have been circulated by e-mail.
- **SYBAF Board Lead Chief Executive's Update** – Provided an update on the recent Clinical Services Sustainability Review. There was good engagement with colleagues on the findings and an approach is being developed on what the implementation should look like.

An update will be provided at the next meeting on the establishment of a Financial Sustainability group for Chief Executives and Directors of Finance.

Work is taking place with the ICB in relation to the investigation and intervention regime around the system deficit and variance against budget.

- **SYBAF Managing Director's Update** – There was an update on progress against the seven Acute Federation priorities for 2024/25. An update was also provided on elective recovery which had seen some progress, notwithstanding a risk to achieving the 65-week target by the end of September. 104 week waits for patients had been eliminated; the Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre has started to reduce the length of stay for patients and is receiving good patient satisfaction responses.

For Diagnostics, the main gains had been around education and training, in addition to opportunities identified to collaborate in Imaging, with work taking place to accelerate the imaging network ambitions.

The Clinical Services Sustainability Review has identified six services which are likely to benefit from collaboration, Audiology, Dermatology, Community Paediatrics, Oral Maxillofacial surgery, Ophthalmology and Urology.

There was an update on the Acute Paediatric Innovator Programme which was making good progress on work to standardise delivery of care for children in terms of oral surgery and exodontia. A strategy has also been developed for young people with chronic conditions who are transitioning from paediatric services into adult services and the document has been agreed with the mental health providers.

A monthly Finance and Efficiency Oversight meeting has been established to look at transformation opportunities and consistency across the Acute Federation in the medium term and in the longer term.

A draft People Plan will be taken to the System Delivery Group in September.

- **Integrated Care Board (ICB) Update** – The ICB Chief Executive provided updates on; the close focus on the South Yorkshire deficit; performance against the cancer faster diagnosis standard (28 days) which had improved since the last meeting; performance against the 65 week wait standard and concerns on the elimination of 65 week waits by the end of September.
- **Financial position and System Efficiency** – An update was provided on the agreed actions to following acceptance of South Yorkshire into the Investigation and Intervention regime. An action was agreed to consider the best way to communicate this work to each partner Board.
- **Clinical Services Sustainability Review** – An update was provided on progress and potential opportunities, as well as the development of regular reporting of this work.
- **Digital Convergence Update** – A progress update was provided on digital convergence to work out how to support a single instance of Electronic Patient Record (EPR) for all the acute trusts in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SYB).
- **Pathology Programme Lessons Learnt Report** – A lessons learnt review paper was received with captured lessons and could inform future work of the Acute Federation in any transformation programmes.

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

No items highlighted for escalation.

Implications

Aim of the STHFT Corporate Strategy		✓ 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	Create a Sustainable Organisation	✓
6	Deliver Excellent Research, Education and Innovation	✓

Recommendations

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