

**Meeting Assurance Report
Board of Directors
28 January 2025**

Name of Committee / Group	South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Acute Federation (SYBAF) Board
Date of Meeting	13 January 2025
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 Lead Chief Executive’s Update
- SYBAF Managing Director’s Update
- Integrated Care Board Update
- Focused session on Paediatric Innovator Programme
- Achieving financial sustainability
- Emerging priorities for the Acute Federation’s three-year plan

Matters to highlight

Specific areas to highlight are as follows:

- **SYBAF Board Lead Chief Executive’s Update** – An in-person session with the System Delivery Group was planned later in the week and an update would be provided to the March meeting.

A session had been held with all partners to look at continued development of relations and development of strategic ambitions.

There had been a lot of operational focus over the past weeks on finances and planning for 2025/26 as we move towards financial year end. Trusts were starting to work through the national guidance around elective care reform and what this means for providers.

- **SYBAF Managing Director’s Update** – In relation to progress against the Acute Federation’s priority programme there was an update from individual trusts on their 65 week waits performance with two out of five providers having eliminated their 65 week waits, there were challenges for the remaining three partners however the number of patients waiting was reducing. Progress was being seen in the use of elective hubs to reduce patient waits and increase theatre utilisation. Diagnostics performance was at 72 per cent against the long-term target of 95 per cent with two trusts exceeding the target. The diagnostic workstream would look to understand the reasons for the variation, and would look to share good practice and adopt the most productive pathways and protocols in diagnostics.

Partners had collaborated effectively on non-obstetric ultrasound tests with 800 delivered through mutual aid.

- **Integrated Care Board (ICB) Update** – Which included an update on operational and financial planning and details of the four workstreams taking this work forward were shared. The ICB had moved into the same oversight regime as providers due to its financial position and performance in certain areas (NHS Oversight Framework Segment 3).
- **Focused session Paediatric Innovator Programme** – An update on progress was provided.
- **Achieving financial sustainability** – There was a discussion on how to achieve financial sustainability. Work had started on a medium-term financial plan which would continue to be taken forward. The ICB was looking at how to ensure delivery of big schemes across the system together.
- **Emerging priorities for the Acute Federation's three-year plan** – The Acute Federation is keen to articulate a three year programme of work that is refreshed annually in terms of objectives, but that had a longer term delivery plan with metrics and milestones, resources required and governance. A further session looking at this was planned for the end of January, and a subsequent update would be brought to the March meeting.

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.