

Key issues report: Finance, Investment & Performance Committee

Report to: Board of Directors
Presented by:

Date of meeting: 23rd January 2017
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Matters for escalation:

- The Committee discussed in detail the ACO/Vanguard position and the response from NHSI, the committee members were advised a written response is due relating to the Trust red line issues.
- ECIP report and action plan was discussed with members and advised of the need for joint working arrangements and the need to stream low acuity cases away from NSECH. NEAS criteria discussed with a focus to divert non urgent cases to UCC. The committee have asked for an update on this item and progress against the action plan at March 2017 meeting.
- Winter Debrief discussed with members being advised of the increase in numbers attending hospital and acuity of patients with respiratory problems. Proposals for new ED metric discussed with members advised of changes to clinical pathways, streaming of patients and the need to focus metric on those with clinical need.
- Loan Portfolio, the Trust currently has a number of borrowing loans with various organisations, Northumberland County Council have indicated potential to discuss consolidation of current funding with the potential to reduce interest charges or improve liquidity.

Other matters considered by the committee/group:

Urgent Care provision discussed as the current contract has limited time remaining, however N/Tyneside CCG are potentially looking to go back out to consultation for this service provision. The Trust has requested a meeting to discuss the provision further, currently waiting for feedback.

Key decisions made/ actions identified:

- Several business cases were approved by the Committee. These were: NSECH Education & Training facilities, Mobile Phone Business Case and Fleet office space.

Impact on the Assurance Framework:

Assurance Framework: reference:

N/a