

**TRUST BOARD MEETING – 24 November 2011**

<b>Title of the Paper:</b>	<b>Pill Packing Plant</b>	
<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>172/11</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Chris Pocklington, Director of Delivery</b>	
<b>Trust Objective:</b>	<b>Be financially sound.</b>	
<b>Purpose</b> To apprise the Board of progress in relation to staff consultation on the closure of the Pill Packing Plant.		
<b>Risk Implications for the Trust</b> <i>(including any clinical and financial)</i>		<b>Mitigating Actions (Controls):</b>
Failure to deliver financial efficiencies will threaten the ability of the Trust to deliver services within budget.		Business Case approved by Board and consultation initiated.
<b>Level of Assurance that can be given to the Trust Board from the report</b> [significant, sufficient, limited, none]:  Sufficient		
<b>Links to BAF, CQC</b> BAF 2286, 2287 <b>Legal Implications:</b> Not applicable		
<b>Recommendation to the Trust Board:</b>  The Board is asked to note the recent developments, for which an update will be provided to the December meeting.		



***Public Board Meeting,***

**Pill Packing Plant**

Presented by: **Chris Pocklington, Director of Delivery**

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**1. Purpose**

This report provides an update on progress in relation to the closure of the Pill Packing Plant.

The Board approved the Business Case supporting the proposed closure of the Pill Packing Plant at its meeting in July.

A staff and staff side consultation process was initiated, led by Martin Keble, Chief Pharmacist and Elaine Odum, Divisional Manager, Clinical Support Service.

Subsequent to the initiation of the consultation, the Trust has received a challenge to the decision to close the plant from staff and staff side.

Mark Vaughan and Chris Pocklington, as Directors who had not been involved directly in the construction of the original business case, met staff and staff side on 4 November. Following discussions it was agreed that staff and staff side would have access to the Business Case to enable them to consider in full their challenges against the detail set out in the Business Case. Staff and staff side have been invited to return to discussions with the Trust and a response is awaited.

We await their response and will report back to the Board at the November Development Day.