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**Public Board Meeting 29 September 2011**

**Trust Annual Plan for 2011-12: Outcome of SHA Review**

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**Background**

1. The Annual Plan for 2011-12 was approved by the Board on 31 March 2011 and submitted to the SHA. A review meeting was held between the SHA lead director and team, and member of the Trust executive team, on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The discussions at the meeting were summarised in a letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011 from the SHA Director of provider Development and Strategy to the Trust Chief Executive (see attachment 1).

**SHA comments on the Annual Plan**

2. The points below summarise the SHAs assessment of the Plan:
  - The Trust's Annual Plan was clear and well linked with the Integrated Business Plan
  - The Trust had demonstrated impressive financial performance in 2010/11
  - The SHA acknowledged the Trust's commitment to improve clinical quality and patient safety
  - The Medical Director and Chief Nurse must remain vigilant to ensure that the Cost Improvement Plan does not compromise quality of care
  - The Trust continues to improve the patient experience
  - The Trust was improving its relationship with NHS Hertfordshire
3. A number of specific requests for further information were made:
  - Detailed winter plans
  - An action plan to achieve full 18 Weeks RTT compliance
  - An action plan for full compliance with Delivering Single Sex Accommodation (DSSA) requirements
  - An action plan responding to the National Staff Survey outcomes for 2010
  - Confirmation of outstanding backlog maintenance levels, together with a site rationalisation plan
  - Anticipated savings levels arising from the review of the 'back office' functions as part of the QIPP programme
  - The date of the Trust Board where the Sustained Development Management Plan (SDMP) will be reviewed
4. In response the Trust submitted:

- Detailed winter plans
- An 18 Week RTT action plan
- An action plan responding to the National Staff Survey outcomes for 2010
- The Trust's presentation outlining the Strategic Estates Rationalisation Plan

5. The Trust also informed the SHA that:

- The Trust is fully compliant with DSSA requirements hence does not have an action plan
- An exercise to test the viability of shared financial services indicated that savings were minimal
- The SDMP will be reviewed at the Trust's September board meeting

### **Conclusion**

6. The SHA was satisfied with the Annual Plan for 2011-12 prepared by the Trust. Some additional information requests arising from discussion of the Plan have been met.

7. The Board is asked to note the comments made by the SHA and the responses made by the executive team.

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