

TRUST BOARD MEETING – 26 July 2012

Title of the Paper:	Expression of Interest to Join an Academic Health Sciences Network	
Agenda item:	07/12 - 11	
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Trust Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve outcomes and quality of care• Work in active partnerships	
Purpose The Trust has been invited to participate in the formation of a new Academic Health Sciences Network (AHSN) convened under the direction of the Department of Health. This paper sets out a proposal for our preferred option, rationale and details of the core purpose of the AHSNs and the process from here on in.		
Risk Implications for the Trust <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences):</i>		Mitigating Actions <i>(Controls):</i>
The Trust is not a member of any Academic Health Sciences Network and forfeits certain future opportunities for partnership developments and benefiting from innovations with new clinical and service improvements.		The Trust plays a proactive role in the formation of an Academic Health Sciences Network that best suits the Trust’s patient population and geography with a clear business plan.
Level of Assurance that can be given to the Trust Board from the report		
Sufficient Assurance		

Links to Board Assurance Framework, CQC Outcomes, Statutory Requirements (ie BAF risk reference, CQC outcomes linked to report) N/A

Legal Implications:

The Trust will be a member of an AHSN which are required to be an incorporated body with notional public liability for each member.

Recommendation to the Trust Board:

To review the contents of the report and whether any further clarification of matters is required. The Trust Board is invited to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endorse the proposal;• Agree in principle to become a member of the UCL Partners Academic Health Sciences Network. |
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