

**EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

REPORT TO:	<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 30 JANUARY 2014</b>
SUBJECT:	<b>DRAFT 2014/15 PLAN AND PLANNING PROCESS</b>
REPORT FROM:	<b>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT</b>
PURPOSE:	<b>Information / Discussion</b>

**CONTEXT / REVIEW HISTORY / STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Monitor's annual planning review (APR) process has been updated to focus more closely on the strategic element of plans and to enable greater understanding of how foundation trusts intend to address the unique challenges of the next five years from both an operational and strategic point of view.

The 2014/15 Monitor APR Plan submission has been divided into two distinct phases, the first focused on operational planning and the second focused exclusively on strategic planning.

- Phase 1 – Operational Plan Submission (Years 1&2) – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- Phase 2 – Strategic Plan Submission (Years 1-5) – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

This paper provides an overview of the main changes to the Plan submission to Monitor and the Planning process the Trust intends to follow.

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Directors is asked to review and note the following:

- 1) The change in the Monitor planning process for Foundation Trusts for 2014/15 to 2018/19 as outlined in this paper;
- 2) The planning process the Trust is proposing to follow is clear and provides sufficient opportunity for engagement;
- 3) The Trust will utilise the Monitor Self Assessment Tool to form part of its Board assurance;
- 4) The Trust Base Plan for 2014/15 is currently breakeven.

**IMPACT ON TRUST'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS / IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY:**

N/A

<b>PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TAKEN ON ANY NOVEL OR CONTENTIOUS ISSUES</b> N/A
<b>BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:</b> To discuss and determine actions as appropriate
<b>CONSEQUENCES OF NOT TAKING ACTION:</b> N/A