EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

REPORT TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 25 JULY 2014

SUBJECT: PROGRAMME OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015

REPORT FROM: ACTING TRUST SECRETARY

PURPOSE: Decision

CONTEXT / REVIEW HISTORY/STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

A list of suggested dates for next year's (2015) Public meeting dates.

SUMMARY:

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires all Trusts to hold their Board meetings in public. EKHUFT has held Board meetings in public since June 2012.

Dates for 2015 have been identified based on previous years' schedules, taking into consideration Monitor's accounting and regulatory timetable.

IMPACT ON TRUST'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Any financial implications will be determined by the venues used for the meetings.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is a statutory requirement to hold Board Meetings and Annual Members' Meetings in public.

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TAKEN ON ANY NOVEL OR CONTENTIOUS ISSUES Nil

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

The Board is asked to agree the proposed dates. The Board is asked to note the financial reporting table has reduced the number of Away Day opportunities.

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT TAKING ACTION:

Lack of notice of next year's meetings and delays in establishing the Trust's wider Committee programme.