

EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**REPORT TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 25th July 2014****REPORT FROM: FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE–22nd July 2014****PURPOSE: Information****SUMMARY OF KEY AGENDA ITEMS AND BUSINESS:**

The meeting reviewed the following matters

- **Performance:-** A summary of the activity position for the Trust was provided. The two key issues are the numbers of referrals that the Trust is receiving, which are in excess of the plan for 2014/15 and the amount of patients being seen in A&E. Referrals are over 10% ahead for June, 7% year to date. A&E attendances are 4% above plan; this reflects a national issue where for example Brighton and Sussex, United Lincolnshire and Western Sussex are 8%, 6% and 4% ahead of the same position last year. Primary care referrals had risen significantly including referrals for rapid access, these increases are being discussed with Commissioners to understand the underlying causes.
- **Finance Performance for June:-** The Committee reviewed the finance position. This included
 - Overall the Trust's income and expenditure position was behind plan.
 - Expenditure, especially on agency staff was above planned levels.
 - The Committee received a detailed update on the work being undertaken with Divisions in deficit.
 - A detailed discussion of performance against the cost improvement programme.
 - The Continuity of Service Rating of 4 was in line with plan.
- **Q1 2014/15 Monitor Return:-** The Committee considered the Q1 return to Monitor. This was agreed for submission to the Board of Directors subject to minor amendment.
- **SaCP Update:-** The Committee considered a paper and received a presentation on the project. The project remains on plan. A further update will be received to the next FIC.
- **Commercial Tenders:-** The Committee considered a paper on tenders currently advertised. An update on the Diabetic Eye Screening tender was received.
- **Fracture Clinic Business Case:-** The updated business case was discussed which incorporated the requested review by the Divisional Director. The business case was approved.
- **Surgical Services Division Financial Governance Review:-** The review by Baker Tilly into the systems and processes for financial governance operated by the Division was discussed along with actions taken as a consequence of the review. The applicability of the findings to other Divisions was also noted.

An action plan will be submitted to the September meeting with a follow up review is scheduled later in 2014/15.

- Annual Review of Committee's Effectiveness:- The findings of the survey of FIC members were discussed.
- Single Tender Approval:- A request for approval for the award of a contract to a single supplier was considered and approved for submission to the Trust Board.