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Governors' Business Committee Chair's Assurance Report

Title of Report:	Governors' Business Committee	**Date of Meeting:** 8 February 2023
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Purpose		
The report summarises the assurances received, approvals, recommendations and decisions made by the Business Committee.		

Matters of Concern or Key Risks to Escalate	Major Actions Commissioned / Work Underway
Access Standards • Reporting on stroke performance and progress on improvement is disjointed and unclear. • Lack of trajectories in key areas such as stroke, UEC, diagnostics • 130 medically fit patients still taking up beds, more patients are presenting at ED and more patients staying longer. Despite this going on for an unacceptable length of time, there is no system solution being put forward **Finances** • Once the breakeven position for 22/23 is delivered, there will nothing left to mitigate the 23/24 position. Our financial risk is higher. • High staff costs remain • The extra 100 beds are expensive to operate. • The £20m ICS deficit will result in financial restrictions being imposed on our ICS, plus the £20m will need to be paid back over 2 years. • Procurement transition has not gone well. **Digital** • Costs will go up: inflation, the exchange rate and scope creep	**Access Standards** • Graham to lead on a consolidated paper for the Governors Council in April • Sarah to introduce • Lots of discussions taking place but there is a lack of transformational thinking. **Finances** • 23/24 will be very challenging • Virtual ward being developed • Lessons are being learnt

Business Strategy • The future will require some fundamental transformational change. Are we gearing up for this: financially, culturally, right competencies etc? Is the ICS set up for transformational change? • Aspiration of 92% bed occupancy but no assurance that this can be achieved	
Positive Assurances to Provide	**Decisions Made**
Access Standards • Cancer improvements and clear trajectories for when we get back to the standard. • Additional GP respiratory support for patients at the front door. • Lots going on and lots of reassurance that colleagues are doing everything possible **Finance** • Good grip exhibited on 22/23 position • Lots of capital secured and will be spent by year end • Patients will not be put at risk in the challenging business planning for 23/24 **Digital** • EPR outline business case approved and funding secured. 6 suppliers engaged • It will link to the primary care system used by GPs • Good staff engagement	**Access Standards** • Sarah to introduce trajectories in other key areas. **Digital** • Sue to provide maps to show the patient journey through the system.

Comments on Effectiveness of the Meeting

- There are a few areas where this committee is covering matters covered by other committees. For example, it seems that stroke performance is a key focus for the Patient Quality Committee as well as the Business Committee. In such cases we need to avoid duplication.
- Format seems to work well and there is good engagement from all.
- Officers are very open and transparent and share information willingly and cooperatively.