The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

Meeting:	Board of Directors (in Public)		
Meeting Date:	1 December 2020	**Agenda item:**	14
Report Title:	Norfolk and Waveney Hospitals Group Committees Update		
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Implications

Link to key strategic objectives
[highlight which KSO(s) this recommendation aims to support]

KSO1	KSO2	KSO3	KSO4	KSO5	KSO6
Safe and compassionate care	*Modernise hospital and estate*	*Staff engagement*	***Partnership working, clinical and financial sustainability***	*Healthy lives staff and patients*	*Investing in our staff*

Board assurance framework	Partnership working is set out in KS04. The BAF updates are received and reviewed within Finance and Activity Committee and Senior Leadership team.	
Significant risk register	No significant risks aligned	
	Y/N	If Yes state impact/ implications and mitigation
Quality		
Legal and regulatory		
Financial		

Assurance route

Previously considered by:	Board of Directors (in Private)

Executive summary

Action required: *[highlight **one** only]*	Approval	**Information**	Discussion	Assurance	Review

Purpose of the report:	The purpose of this paper is to provide the Board with an update on key areas of discussion at the Norfolk and Waveney Hospitals Group Committees (N&WHGC) meeting held on the 9 November 2020. The Board are asked to note that this update is also going to the JPUH and NNUH Boards.
Summary of Key issues:	James Paget University Hospitals, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals and Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn together provide a wide range of services to a population of more than one million people. There is a good track record of working together with previous successes including the Eastern Pathology Alliance, the Norfolk and Waveney Urology Service across the three Trusts and the Norfolk and Waveney Ear, Nose and Throat service between James Paget and the Norfolk and Norwich. Closer working throughout the

	COVID-19 pandemic has been a constant theme. In recent months the three hospitals have been meeting and, from September 2020, the Norfolk & Waveney Hospitals Group Committees was set up. Representatives from each organisation's Board of Directors attend regular meetings, called a 'Committees in Common' forum, to take joint decisions on future strategy and development of services. This provides oversight and will support teams' innovation. Membership includes the Chair, Chief Executive, Director of Strategy and a Non Executive Director. The detail of how this operates is contained in the Terms of Reference, as presented, together with the media release issued on 23 October. Our very rural geography and long distances apart mean that our three acute hospitals are here to stay, providing vital services to our communities including our Emergency Departments and Maternity Departments, and our approach to working more closely together will only help to secure our hospitals' future further. The three organisations remain distinct and each Trust's Board of Directors will remain accountable to their local population.
Recommendation:	The Board is asked to **note** the update.