The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PRIVATE)

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Report Title: Academic Health Science Networks

Purpose: To bring to the attention of the Board of Directors the contents of the recently published guidance on Academic Health Science Networks.

Summary: The guidance sets out the opportunity that Academic Health Science Networks offer for the NHS and universities to work with industry to not only improve the delivery of innovation but to link this with participation in research, translating research into practice, education and training, wealth creation and service improvement. It includes the criteria and process to establish Academic Health Science Networks including how they will promote equality and reduce inequality as part of their application and establishment. This will be taken into account as part of the selection process.

Financial Implications / Efficiency Savings / Quality Improvement:

Risk Assessment (cross-reference with Risk Register where appropriate):

Strategic / External	Operational/ Organisational	Financial	Clinical	Legal/ Regulatory	Reputational / Patient Experience

Recommendations: To note the contents of the report and to raise awareness of the rights and pledges across the organisation.

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