

Declarations required by Continuity of Service condition 7 of the NHS provider licence

The board are required to respond "Confirmed" or "Not confirmed" to the following statements (please select 'not confirmed' if confirming another option). Explanatory information should be provided where required.

3 Continuity of services condition 7 - Availability of Resources (FTs designated CRS only)

EITHER:

- 3a After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking account distributions which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate.

OR

- 3b After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation, subject to what is explained below, that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking into account in particular (but without limitation) any distribution which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate. However, they would like to draw attention to the following factors (as described in the text box below) which may cast doubt on the ability of the Licensee to provide Commissioner Requested Services.

OR

- 3c In the opinion of the Directors of the Licensee, the Licensee will not have the Required Resources available to it for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate.

Statement of main factors taken into account in making the above declaration

In making the above declaration, the main factors which have been taken into account by the Board of Directors are as follows:

- The 2024/25 annual accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.
- Income and expenditure budgets have been set on robust and agreed principles and divisions should be able to provide high quality healthcare within the resources available, provided the cost improvement plans are achieved.
- The year to date and the annual financial position are detailed in the Monthly Integrated Performance Report and regular Finance update reports presented to the Board of Directors and relevant Board sub-committees and Executive Led Groups.
- The Trust is working to achieve the best possible financial position for 2025/26 in agreement with the ICS and NHSE; however the emergent nature of the financial settlement for 2025/26 including system wide schemes and the impact of the ERF cap for example mean that the operational plan will be a challenge to meet full delivery across all (financial, operational performance, quality and workforce) domains.

The financial plan for 2025/26 is challenging with a savings plan target of £29.7m (4.7% of turnover) which is not without significant risk, and an overall planned breakeven position. Improvement plans are in place, however, the pace and scale required must be considered in the context of operational pressures and capacity.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors, and, in the case of Foundation Trusts, having regard to the views of the governors

Signature



Name: Cara Charles-Barks

Capacity: Chief Executive

Date: 7 May 2025

Signature



Name: Alison Ryan

Capacity: Chair

Date: 7 May 2025