



Group Trust Board Proposal

Trust Board 25 March 2025

Purpose

To outline the evolutionary next steps for the governance of the Group model.

Analysis of the issue

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) and Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) have been collaborating since October 2019, initially on an informal collaborative basis, moving to the creation of a formal Group model from April 2021.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) underpinning this model has been reviewed by both trusts each year to ensure that it remains fit for purpose for the evolving remit of the Group. From April 2025 the trusts will share a Group strategy; this provides a framework for a new joint governance solution based on joint meeting agendas focussed on areas of synergy and learning.

We are recommending that we move from the original 'committees in common' approach outlined in the original MoU, which has been delivered via a Joint Working Group since 2021. We are proposing to move to a Joint Trust Board meeting, where both boards will come together to have oversight of Group activity;

- Joint meetings will not affect organisational sovereignty, which remains with individual Trust Boards, and individual Trust Board meetings at both trusts throughout the year.
- We are proposing that we have a Group Trust Board, holding up to three meetings throughout the year for up to 2 hours in duration.
- Areas of the Group strategy will be prioritised for delivery within the Group; these will drive the Group Trust Board agenda.
- The Group Trust Board will have due regard for associated areas of risk and escalation, and the provision of information relating to the Group priorities within the Group Strategy.
- Governance documents will be refreshed to support the new arrangements.

Decision

- Trust Board approval of the proposed joint Trust Board approach for governing the Group.
- If approved, a revised MoU will be provided to the first meeting of the Group Trust Board for approval.

Governance Table

For Board and Board Committees:	Trust Board 25 March 2025	
Paper sponsored by:	Kate Dyer, Director of Governance and Risk	
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State which Board Committee or other forum within the Trust's governance structure, if any, have previously considered the report/this issue and the date of the relevant meeting(s):	Trust Board Development February 2025 Strategic Executive Board March 2025 Joint Working Group March 2025	
If considered elsewhere, state the level of assurance gained by the Board Committee or other forum i.e., assured/ partially assured / not assured:	NA	
State whether this is a 'one off' report or, if not, when an update report will be provided for the purposes of corporate Agenda planning	Monthly	
LPT strategic alignment:	Great Health Outcomes	Yes
	Great Care	Yes
	Great Place to Work	Yes
	Part of the Community	Yes
CRR/BAF considerations:	List risk number and title of risk	--
Is the decision required consistent with LPT's risk appetite:	Yes	
False and misleading information (FOMI) considerations:	None	
Positive confirmation that the content does not risk the safety of patients or the public	Confirmed	
Equality considerations:	None	