**Executive Summary:**

The West Yorkshire Mental Health Services Collaborative (WYMHSC) is the coming together of the four mental health and community NHS trusts in West Yorkshire (Bradford District Care Foundation Trust, Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust, and South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust) to work collaboratively to ensure high quality, sustainable mental health services now and into the future.

At its meeting in March 2018 the Boards of the four organisations agreed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) subject to a number of points of clarification. These points were clarified with the members of the Committees in Common and at its meeting on 30 April 2018 the Chairs of the four organisations signed the MoU. The final version is attached for information.

The Board is reminded that the MoU is not a legal contract, but is a formal agreement between all of the partners. It does not replace or override the legal and regulatory frameworks that apply to our statutory NHS organisations. Instead it sits alongside and complements these frameworks, creating the foundations for closer and more formal collaboration.

**Recommendations:**

That the Board:
- formally receives the signed WYMHSC MoU.
Governance/Audit Trail:

Meetings where this item has previously been discussed *(please mark with an X):*

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This report supports the achievement of the following strategic aims of the Trust: *(please mark those that apply with an X):*

- Consolidation of Market Share: being great in our patch *x*
- Manage the impacts of the whole system of reduced health and social care funding: working in partnership to develop cost effective out of hospital services and pathways to support the delivery of sustainable services *x*
- Secure Funding for new or expanded services *x*

This report supports the achievement of the following Regulatory Requirements: *(please mark those that apply with an X):*

- **Safe:** People who use our services are protected from abuse and avoidable harm *x*
- **Caring:** Staff involve people who use our services and treat them with compassion, kindness, dignity and respect *x*
- **Responsive:** Services are organised to meet the needs of people who use our services *x*
- **Effective:** Care, treatment and support achieves good outcomes, helps to maintain quality of life people who use our services and is based on the best available evidence. *x*
- **Well Led:** The leadership, management and governance of the organisation make sure it's providing high-quality care that is based around individual needs, encourages learning and innovation, and promotes an open and fair culture. *x*

**NHSI Single Oversight Framework**

**Equality Impact Assessment:**
Not applicable.

**Freedom of Information:**

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