

Finance, Business and Investment Committee

Agenda
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Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Assurances

1. Pilot on Lone Working Personal Safety Devices to support colleagues health and safety was received, the pilot had commenced shortly before the pandemic and it was agreed that a further update would be presented in six months time.
2. Financial outturn for month 12 had been reported as a £400,00 better than plan position due to the Trust receiving additional mental health funding of £457,000; a £4,000 improvement from pre-planned position; and £61,000 untaken annual leave agreed to be carried forward in response to the pandemic as a deviation to the original plan.
3. In response to the financial position for month 12 and overall performance of 2019/20, the Committee noted that a briefing session with members of the Audit Committee had taken place to support presentation of the draft Annual Accounts to the Audit Committee during May and June. Two NEDs are members of both FBIC and Audit Committee to provide horizontal connections across the Board sub-committees.
4. Results from a audit on cyber security and awareness were presented, based on Good Governance Institute guidance on cyber security in response to the pandemic. The audit had been commissioned by NHS Digital to understand the level of compliance and risk across all NHS organisations, Trust scored 'medium'.

Areas for further development

1. An update on the national financial and operational plans was received by the Committee with the Trust operating mandated block contracts. A refresh of the national guidance is expected by the end of July, the Trust had undertaken substantial contracting discussions prior to the pandemic. Work to take place to understand the financial impact of the contracting arrangements.
2. An update on the Trust's digital strategy had been presented which outlined how some innovations from the pandemic had accelerated a number of the Trust's ambitions. Identified more work to do to finalise this key workstream.
3. Findings from an internal communications review had been presented, some actions had progressed as innovations found in responding to the pandemic with further ones to be undertaken during a two phase approach.

The Committee received and approved the Annual Report 2019/20 for the activities of the Committee and provided assurance to the Board that they had fulfilled the duties outlined within the Terms of Reference.