

## COMMITTEE ALERT, ADVICE, ASSURANCE REPORT TO BOARD

Committee:	FINANCE, PERFORMANCE & COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE
Meeting Date:	15 November 2021
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## **KEY ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING**

11.00AM - 1.30PM

Your Committee received comprehensive papers covering:

Capital Projects, High Secure Mental Health Funding and Contract Compliance.

We were pleased to receive (as promised), the first iteration of a digital dashboard style information and performance report (IPR) across the care groups.

There was a discussion regarding the feedback from the most recent Performance and Accountability Review Groups and the suggested actions arising from some emerging trends.

A comprehensive update was also provided on the progress of the Restoration and Recovery programme. It is heartening to report that this massive undertaking is clearly making progress.

The majority of the meeting was deliberately devoted to discussing the current management accounts of the service where tensions and pressures persist.

Substantive time was devoted to the plans for "back to balance", progressing the Cost improvement plans (CIP), clearly understanding and highlighting any material variances, with the emphasis on controllable expenses (versus non controllable) and a response to a query document from the Department and previous Minister.

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Issue	Committee concern	Action required	Timescale	

Letter received from the Minister of Health and Social Care	The Committee was informed of the significant movement in deficit since the initial response to the Minister had been considered. JL and TC had agreed to provide a formal response to the DHSC by Friday 26 November.	To be discussed at the next board meeting.	23 November 2021
High Secure Mental Health Funding Paper	There had been a request to provide a patient with a high secure bed in the UK at a cost of approximately £400k per annum. The placement would be long term. This was the first time that such a request had been received however there was a pipeline of patients that would require such placements going forward so it was essential that the correct precedent was set.	To be discussed with DHSC and Treasury.	
ASSURE (Detail here any area	s of assurance that the Committee has received)		
Issue	Assurance Received	Action	Timescale
Contract Compliance Update	All known non-compliant contracts had been reviewed and prioritised. A contract manager had been identified within each care group. It was anticipated the project would take three years to complete.	The Committee would maintain a watching brief on the progress.	
Performance and Accountability Review	It was acknowledged that there were variable levels of understanding from budget holders about their responsibilities regarding their budgets. Workshops would be held between finance and the care groups to improve understanding and in turn improve the ability to forecast accurately.		
Restoration and Recovery	The plan continued to be delivered on track and on budget.		

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