

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SOLENT NHS TRUST JOURNEY TOWARDS FOUNDATION TRUST
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	19 JANUARY 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	SARAH AUSTIN, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, SOLENT NHS TRUST
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None	

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

This paper provides an update on progress on Solent NHS Trust's Foundation Trust application.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) To note the proposed development for Solent NHS Trust to progress towards Foundation Trust
- (ii) To explore and examine the proposals put forward by Solent NHS Trust in terms of the pathway towards Foundation Trust

### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

To inform and update the Panel on Solent NHS Trust developments towards Foundation Trust. To update the Panel on Solent NHS Trust's milestones and direction of travel forward.

### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

1. Solent NHS Trust is an ambitious and innovative provider of community and mental health services, leading the way in local care across Southampton, Portsmouth and southern Hampshire. We are in our first year as an NHS Trust and our second year as a merged community and mental health provider, delivering high quality care and working in partnership to make things better for children and families, adults and older people.
2. In 2010/11 we had some notable achievements
  - Over 1 million patient contacts
  - £7m of new business, including the provision of substance misuse services across Hampshire
  - Savings delivered of over £10m (over 5% of our annual income) through transformation
  - We ranked in this year's Healthcare 100, making us one of the best healthcare organisations to work for in the UK.
  - We received an excellent review from the Department of Health during their visit to our Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Treetops.
  - We eliminated mixed sex accommodation across all Solent sites
  - Our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS) has been accredited as 'excellent' under the Royal College of Psychiatrists Quality Network for Community CAHMS
  - We achieved NHS Trust status

3. This year we have formally joined the national Foundation Trust (FT) development programme and are working towards achieving Foundation Trust status by April 1st 2013. We believe that authorisation as a Foundation Trust should be the outcome of delivering clinical and business excellence within the organisation and the culture which underpins this. In this way Foundation Trust status will be a milestone in our journey **'to lead the way in local care'**.
4. The Trust is entering its second calendar year of preparation for Foundation Trust status planned for April 2013. Key dates include:
  - Latest draft of business plan Feb
  - Board to Board with SHA March
  - Public consultation on Constitution March-June
  - Final draft business plan July
  - Final Board to Board with SHA July
  - Referral to DH August
  - Referral to Monitor Autumn
  - Stakeholder engagement and alignment continues throughout

All main dates are set out in the Tripartite Formal Agreement which is attached at the end of this report.

5. There is an ongoing programme of engagement, involvement and consultation. Other recent activities include:
  - visiting Cascades Shopping Centre in Portsmouth
  - visiting Portsmouth library
  - sending a letter to the Zimbabwe community
  - continuing to visit community groups as part of our community talks programme
  - including an article in the Hampshire Link newsletter
  - sending a mail shot to NHS Southampton City 'interest' list
  - attending a parents evening at Maytree Nursery
  - visiting Fareham Shopping area.
6. There is a requirement to consult on the organisations Constitution. The FT consultation is not a referendum on whether or not an application should be made. It is a consultation on the proposals that are being suggested including:
  - governance proposals (including membership and Council of Governors)
  - the visionary elements of our Integrated Business Plans (IBP)
  - the benefits and risks of NHS Foundation Trust status.
7. Monitor, the Independent Regulator of Foundation Trust's must be satisfied that:
  - robust consultation has been undertaken and a representative membership base has been developed
  - staff and stakeholder involvement in the development of the integrated business plan has been actively sought and impacted
  - the organisation can demonstrate a continued commitment to expand and progress the wider culture change and social responsibility required to operate as an NHS Foundation Trust.
  - Specific information is enclosed in the attached report.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. N/A

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

### Capital/Revenue

9. None

### Property/Other

10. None

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory Power to undertake the proposals in the report:

11. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line**

### Appendices

1.	January Report Sarah Austin
2.	Draft Constitution and Plans

### Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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### Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject/recommendations in the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment to be carried out.	No
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### Other Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1. None	