

## Board of Directors (Public)

### Item 6.5

## board report

**Subject:** Pandemic Flu Plan- Update  
**Date of meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
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BAF Ref	Impact on BAF Risk Rating?
3	None

### 1. Executive Summary

The purpose of the Flu Plan is to provide a framework within which the Trust will respond to a declared flu pandemic.

The aims and objectives of the document are to ensure a procedure is in place to deal with the command and control of pandemic flu issues that might affect the operational running of the Trust, while minimising disruption to health and other essential services and maintaining business continuity as far as possible.

### 2. Background

The plan is not designed to be a comprehensive contingency management system, but is a plan which will address the principles of managing a pandemic to ensure the safe delivery of patient care is delivered to the highest quality during a period with unprecedented referrals and predicted staff absence.

Given the highly uncertain nature of an influenza pandemic; it is impossible to predict accurately the impact of a pandemic on the Trust's services and staff and as such this document must be considered a live and working document. This plan will be reviewed annually as a minimum, and more frequently in the event of significant epidemiological data and direction from the Department of Health.

### 3. Issues

The LHCH Pan Flu Plan has been updated in line with national guidance to incorporate the latest information from Public Health England regarding the UK response phases concerning Detection, Assessment, Treatment, Escalation and Recovery (DATER).

Its effectiveness was measured by means of a table top exercise held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The test identified some minor weaknesses in the plan which are being taken forward by the Emergency Planning Group, however it was determined to be a comprehensive enough document to assist in the management of a Pandemic Flu outbreak.

#### **4. Conclusion**

It is a requirement for all public bodies to have in place a Pan Flu Plan.

The LHCH Pan Flu plan has been updated in line with national guidance

The Pan Flu plan has been tested by means of a table top exercise.

#### **5. Recommendations**

The Emergency Planning Group recommends to the Board of Directors that the Pan Flu Plan is approved