

Council of Governors

Item 7.2

Subject: Year End Finance Report 2019/20
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1. Executive Summary

The Trust achieved a Use of Resource rating of 1 (highest) in line with its planned score.

The Trust reported a £3.0m surplus (before technical adjustments) which was in line with its original plan.

In year, the Trust did not move to alternative procurement models as fast as anticipated and this created higher levels of income and cost than expected. This was a benefit to the Trust in year but will not continue into 2020/21.

The Trust also experienced challenges with delivery of the planned level of activity as a result of clinical vacancies and scanner down-time which affected the income earned. This significantly improved in the last quarter and was not expected to be an issue going into 2020/21.

In March, the Trust moved to an emergency response structure in respect of COVID-19 which introduced exceptional costs that have been reimbursed nationally.

The Trust delivered £2.9m (£3.1m recurrently) of efficiencies, which is 76% of the planned programme.

The cash balance at the end of March was £30.2m which is a positive position to end the financial year.

The Trust delivered a capital programme of £10.3m which included new Scanners, increased Cath Lab capacity, IT infrastructure and Estates maintenance.

2. Financial Plan – 2020/21

The Financial Plan for 2020/21 is to deliver a surplus of £1.0m, efficiencies of £3.8m and a capital programme of £10.6m.

These plans are currently under review as a result of the current national emergency response to COVID-19. Interim financial arrangements that support Hospitals to balance their financial positions up to the end Month 4 have been introduced.

3. Recommendations

The Council of Governors are asked to note the content of the report.