

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 6.1.3b

Subject: CMAST Leadership Board CiC Key Issues Report
Date of Meeting: 27th September 2023
Presented by: Jane Tomkinson, Chief Executive Officer
Meeting Held: 1st September 2023
Attended by: Jane Tomkinson, Chief Executive Officer / Val Davies, Chair

This report sets out the key assurances, risks and actions from the recent CMAST (Cheshire and Merseyside Acute and Specialist Trust) Leadership Board Committee in Common (CiC) meeting. Areas for escalation to the Board of Directors are included below as required.

1. Summary

The Leadership Board met on 1st September and considered a number of important issues which included an update on specialised commissioning and programmes of work related to clinical leadership and LIMS.

The issues discussed included:

- Specialised Commissioning: discussions included an update on a NW review of Women and Childrens' Services in line with national standards and service specifications, and upcoming engagement on the emerging proposals with ICS partners through the autumn and spring. The programme of work currently has a targeted outcome by spring / summer 2024. The Board also received an update on the process of delegation of some functions to ICBs. In the NW a number of functions will be delegated to ICBs, some will be retained by NHS England and a third category will be jointly discussed with all the NW ICBs in a shared forum. CMAST are represented by Alder Hey in these discussions.
- ICS Clinical Leadership. A request was made for Trusts to consider funding of clinical time for ICB Transformation Programme funding and bids. The Board recognised the need to engage with the ICB on this and to establish a more sustainable approach however the challenge for Trusts to deliver consistently more system contributions while also delivering heightened levels of efficiency was noted to be a challenge.
- A further update on the recommended system approach to Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) and imminent delivery of an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the 5 'host' Trust Boards (WHHT, WUHT, MWL, LUHFT and COCH) to support the next step in a consolidated C&M approach and the proposed delegation of the ITT (Invitation to tender) process to CMAST.
- The Board noted the recent conclusion of the Lucy Letby trial and opportunities for future system learning.
- The Board also noted the development of a quarterly Cancer Alliance report for use by stakeholders.

The Board also received the following documents:

- C&M ICS Activity Summary Report
- C&M ICS Finance Report

The Board's next meeting will include Trust Chairs where business is expected to include a review of programme delivery - year to date.

2. Recommendations

The Board of Directors is asked to **note** the update.