

Board Committee Assurance Report

Report to	Board of Directors
Date	26 th November 2024
Committee Name	Liverpool Adult Acute and Specialist Providers Joint Committee
Date of Committee Meeting	19 September 2024
Chair's Name & Title	David Flory, Committee Chair Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust & Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust Joint Chair

Matters for Escalation

There are no matters for escalation.

Key Issues

Meeting of the Liverpool Adult Acute and Specialist Providers (LAASP) Joint Committee

The meeting held on 19 September 2024 was the first LAASP Joint Committee meeting. Membership was made up of the Chairs and Chief Executive Officers of the following Liverpool Trusts (defined as the Trusts):

- Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUHFT)
- Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust (LHCH)
- The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (TWC)
- Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust (CCC)
- Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust (LWH)

The LAASP Joint Committee was established with the aim of unifying strategic activities and governance across the Trusts. It will lead, establish and govern shared arrangements for strategic decisions, financial planning, and corporate services and develop a five-year strategy for the transformation of adult acute and specialist care. Further, the Joint Committee will work in close partnership with the NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool (UHL Group Board) to implement the Group Model. Shadow arrangements for the Joint Committee commenced at this meeting on 19 September 2024, with a delegation of key functions as required by April 2025.

Joint Working Agreement and Terms of Reference

The Committee received and approved the Joint Working Agreement and Committee Terms of Reference. The Agreement provided a framework for the Liverpool Adult Acute and Specialist Providers (the Trusts) to work together and to define arrangements for developing delegation of functions and development or enactment of a case for change to a Joint Committee by April 2025.

The governing documents presented had been developed by joint working between the Trusts through the emerging LAASP Programme Board, the Trust Company Secretaries, and engagement with Browne Jacobson LLP.

The Joint Working Agreement and Terms of Reference would be presented to each Trust Board of Directors for ratification.

NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool Group Update

An overview of the LAASP Joint Committee Governance and Assurance Model was presented, alongside the Outline Work Plan and Roadmap. The Roadmap included design

principles for the UHL Group Model, which had been agreed by the LAASP Chief Executive Officers to support the development of the Group. An overview of progress on the development of the UHL Group to date was presented, together with a timeline for phased transition and an initial risk assessment.

NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool Group Designate Chief Executive Officer Appointment Process

The Committee approved the process to appoint the UHL Group Designate Chief Executive Officer. The Chair of the Joint Committee and UHL will lead the appointment process with the involvement of an appropriate ICB representative. The aim was for the appointment process to be concluded by the end of October 2024, and confirmed by the Joint Committee at its meeting on 20 November 2024, subject to Trusts' agreement of the process.

Decisions Made

The Joint Committee approved:

- The LAASP Joint Working Agreement
- The LAASP Terms of Reference, for onward presentation to each Trust Board of Directors for ratification
- The LAASP Joint Committee Outline Work Plan
- The UHL Group Roadmap
- The process to appoint the UHL Group Designate Chief Executive Officer

Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the Liverpool Adult Acute and Specialist Providers Joint Committee Assurance Report.