

## Board Committee Assurance Report

<b>Report to</b>	LHCH Board of Directors
<b>Date of Board Meeting</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Committee Name</b>	Liverpool Adult Acute and Specialist Providers Joint Committee
<b>Date of Committee Meeting</b>	20 March 2025
<b>Chair's Name &amp; Title</b>	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

#### Designate Chief Executive Officer Update

The Designate Chief Executive Officer gave an update to the Committee on the following areas:

- Abolition of NHS England (NHSE)
- NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool Group (UHLG) Development – System Assurance Review
- Delegation Functions to the Joint Committee
- Establishing a Liverpool Adult Acute and Specialist Providers (LAASP) Finance Sub-Committee
- UHLG Strategy 2030 Presentation
- UHLG Recruitment
- LAASP Resource Plan

#### Delegating Functions to the Joint Committee

A proposed list of delegated functions for a current area of delivery or accountability that individual trusts undertake would be passed to the Joint Committee and was presented for approval, following a previous review and feedback from Committee members. The proposed list has been developed to support the effective delivery of the LAASP portfolio of programme, and minimise the impact on individual trusts pursuing strategy and decision-making that may be divergent from the agreed LAASP direction of travel.

The functions which a Foundation Trust could not delegate to a Joint Committee were noted. Sections 65Z5 and 65Z6 of the NHS Act 2006 provide the power for trusts to exercise functions jointly and to appoint a Joint Committee to exercise these whilst reserving functions to individual trusts for standalone decision-making.

The proposed delegations were broken down into the following areas:

- Strategy

- People
- Digital
- Estates
- Finance
- Commercial & Procurement

The Committee received assurance that an external legal review of the proposed delegation had been undertaken by Browne Jacobson. The Committee approved the Delegated Functions to the Joint Committee, to be presented to each LAASP Trust Board of Directors for approval. It was agreed that further work would be undertaken to ensure that any delegation, specifically relating to finance, would be developed within the LAASP Finance Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.

### **LAASP Terms of Reference / Joint Working Agreement**

In line with the proposed list of Delegated Functions to the Joint Committee, Browne Jacobson had supported a review of the LAASP Terms of Reference and Joint Working Agreement. Proposed amendments were presented to the Committee for review, in addition to the update to remove the Joint Committee from working in shadow form to a statutory committee from April 2025.

The Committee approved the LAASP Terms of Reference and Joint Working Agreement.

### **LAASP Finance Committee Proposals**

An update on the proposals to establish a LAASP Finance Committee, reporting to the LAASP Joint Committee was presented. The next steps included finalising the Terms of Reference, with a view to a shadow meeting of the committee being held in April 2025.

### **Communications and Engagement Plan**

The Committee received an update on the Communications and Engagement Plan. An overview of communications to date was presented, alongside the next steps and the approach to the branding work being led within the LAASP Communications and Engagement Workstream. The current focus was detailed, including the publication of the LAASP Case for Change at the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) and LAASP Trust Boards of Directors throughout April 2025.

### **LAASP Portfolio Board Assurance and Highlight Reports**

The Highlight Report following the LAASP Portfolio Board meeting held on 3 March 2025. Highlight reports from six of the eight Programme Boards that met in January 2025 were presented at the meeting. A summary of key activities that had taken place within the month and key activities scheduled for the month ahead had been presented.

## **Decisions Made**

The Committee approved:

- Delegated Functions to the Joint Committee, to be presented to each LAASP Trust Board of Directors for approval.
- LAASP Terms of Reference and Joint Working Agreement, to be presented to each LAASP Trust Board of Directors for approval.

The timeline for presentation of the above to be presented to the LAASP Trusts Boards for approval was agreed as follows:

- Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust – 26 March 2025
- Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust – 25 March 2025
- NHS University Hospitals of Liverpool Group – 3 April 2025
- The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust – 3 April 2025

### **Recommendation**

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