

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 5.1.1

Subject: CMAST Leadership Board CiC Key Issues Report
Date of Meeting: 10th June 2025
Presented by: James Sumner, Chief Executive Officer
Meeting Held: 2nd May 2025
Attended by: James Sumner, Chief Executive Officer

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 CMPC Leadership Board met on Friday 2nd May. This was the first single provider collaborative meeting for Cheshire and Merseyside. A meeting where all providers joined together, informally, to meet as the Cheshire and Merseyside Provider Collaborative (CMPC). This inaugural meeting discussed several system wide issues and included Trust CEOs being joined by Chairs.

The Leadership Board received an update on the work being progressed by the ICB with NHSE on the system's financial plan and additional provider and ICB actions required to reduce current system expenditure plans to the available financial envelope. A revised plan had been shared with NHSE with further discussions at a regional and national level expected. Additional scrutiny and intervention is expected, and further control and standardisation was relayed as necessary.

The Board was introduced to Mandy Nagra, who has been appointed as Cheshire and Merseyside System Improvement Director. Mandy commented on an amount of good work going on within C&M but also the need for this to be spread widely. This message was coupled with a wider expectation of more and continuous improvement, tough choices and delivery at pace. It was noted that there is an opportunity for improvement in every organisation in the system.

Further areas of discussion related to a quarterly review of programme delivery and discussion on the work plans for each of the programmes in the year ahead. These deliverables and commitments are summarised in supporting information shared with meeting attendees.

Update papers were also provided on the following areas:

- System financial report
- System performance update

2. Recommendations

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