

To: The Board

For meeting on: 25 February 2015

Agenda item: 7

Report by: Miranda Carter, Executive Director of Provider Appraisal

Report on: Provider Appraisal Update

Introduction:

1. The Provider Appraisal directorate currently has six active assessments, including two with decisions this month and Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust which commenced this month.
2. There are three ongoing transaction reviews, one ongoing sustainability review, and one ongoing quality governance review of a trust still in the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) phase which started this month.
3. The Board is asked to note that the directorate is presenting a condensed report this month given the relatively short amount of time since the previous report.

A. Developments

Well Led Framework Update

4. Work is progressing well on the joint statement, a draft was circulated to parties in week commencing 9 February 2015. The Policy team is also nearing the completion of the update to the Well Led framework which is expected to be published in February 2015. The team is progressing the update to the Guide for Applicants and the implementation plans for the roll out of the approach to Well Led in assessment.

Transactions lessons learned

5. Further discussions have been held to progress the project further. Next steps are to brief the list of trusts on the proposed scope of the project and to request participation.

B. Update on assessments

6. A full list of the 14 NHS trusts currently with Monitor and the reasons for any delay, deferral, postponement or withdrawal is provided in Annex 1 together with the anticipated timing of the relevant Care Quality Commission inspection. Any changes from last month's report are highlighted in red.

Delayed, deferred and postponed trusts (exception reporting)

7. The team expects to commence the reassessment of The Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust in March 2015.

Quality governance reviews in the NHS TDA phase

8. A review of South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust is ongoing.

Two-week issue review at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH)

9. The team has been asked to undertake a two-week piece of work to identify any key authorisation issues at SASH on behalf of the Provider Regulation directorate.

Assessment Pipeline

10. An overview of the assessment pipeline is provided in Annex 2.

C. Update on transactions

Active projects

11. Work on Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's Private Finance Initiative (PFI), the two Proton Beam projects and the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's forum project was completed at the end of January 2015.

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Making a difference for patients:

Monitor's mission is to make the health sector work better for patients. This report provides an update on the Provider Appraisal team. The key focus of this team is to assess if providers are well led and can therefore deliver sustainable high quality services to patients.

Public Sector Equality Duty:

Monitor has a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people from different groups. In drafting this report consideration has been given to the impact that the issues dealt with might have on these requirements and on the nine protected groups identified by this Act. It is anticipated that the issues dealt with in this paper are not likely to have any particular impact upon the requirements of or the protected groups identified by the Act.

This report considers the activity of the Provider Appraisal team, whose key focus is to authorise NHS Trusts as Foundation Trusts. The assessment process considers how representative of the population that it serves the membership of an applicant NHS FT actually is, and therefore has had regard to the duties required by the Equality Act. It is not considered that there are any decisions within this paper which would impact on protected groups Identified by the Act.

Exempt information:

Some of the information in this report (the confidential annex) is exempt from publication as it falls under section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information is exempt because disclosure of that information would, or would be likely to, inhibit the free and frank provision of advice, or exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation. In applying these exemptions, we have considered the public interest test; disclosure of this information will not enhance the accountability or transparency of Monitor as its disclosure would inhibit the free frank disclosure of information.

Annex 1: Current status of NHS trusts with Monitor for assessment

Active assessments						
Trust name	Status detail	Start	Exec meeting	Target Board to Board	Decision	Indicative CQC inspection date
Nottinghamshire HealthCare	Phase 2	Oct 2014	n/a	23 Jan 15	Feb 15	Inspected
Kent Community	Phase 2	Oct 2014	n/a	27 Jan 15	Feb 15	Inspected
Birmingham Community	Reactivated (postponed)	Oct 2014	n/a	24 Feb 15	Mar 15	Inspected
Oxford University Hospitals	Referral	Nov 2014	12 Jan 15	late June 2015	Aug 15	Inspected
Bradford District Care	Referral	Dec 2014	n/a	Mar 15	Apr 15	Inspected
Dudley and Walsall	Reactivated (deferral)	Feb 15	n/a	28 Apr 15	[May 15]	Inspected

Annex 2: Pipeline information

(i) Monitor pipeline

	At 12 Jan 2015	Back to TDA	M&A*	Pipeline progress			At 12 Feb 2015
Total Foundation Trusts (FTs)	149		(1)	1			*149
Monitor pipeline							
Active Assessments - decisions due this month	1			(1)	2		2
Active Assessments - in progress	5				(2)	1	4
Assessments paused post phase 1	4						4
Deferrals & postponements	5	(2)				(1)	2
Total Monitor pipeline	15	(2)	-	(1)	-	-	12
NHS TDA pipeline	78	2	-	-	-	-	80
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRUSTS	242	-	(1)	-	-	-	241

* Acquisition of Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS FT by Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS FT

(ii) Pipeline analysis

	Acute	Mental Health	Community	Ambulance	Total
Foundation Trusts	101	41	2	5	149
Monitor pipeline	2	5	4	1	12
With TDA	53	10	13	4	80
Total trusts	157	56	19	10	241

Note: TDA is planning to update and publish its analysis of its pipeline by status/progress in January 2015, pending completion of its sustainability reviews

(iii) QG reviews in TDA phase

Ongoing	Timing
South West London and St George's Mental Health	Jan – Mar 2015
Completed	
Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust	Oct - Dec 2014
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust	Aug - Oct 2014
Wirral Community NHS Trust	July - Sept 2014
Liverpool Community Health (PILOT)	Jan - June 2014
Bradford District Care (PILOT)	Jan - April 2014