

To: The Board

For meeting on: 29 April 2015

Agenda item: 4

Report by: Miranda Carter, Executive Director of Provider Appraisal

Report on: Provider Appraisal Update

Introduction:

1. The Provider Appraisal directorate currently has five active assessments, including one decision expected this month, one re-activation started this month, and two new referrals which will commence within the next two months.
2. There are three ongoing transaction reviews.

A. Developments

Well Led Update

3. The Well Led framework was published on 14 April 2015, together with a joint statement to the sector with the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) describing the updated framework and how it will be applied in assessment. Project work is ongoing to finalise the implementation approach.

Transactions Lessons learned project

4. The team met with Cass Business School and has begun its work on the lessons learned review in respect of recent transactions. It has now contacted the majority of the NHS foundation trusts (NHSFTs) included in the project; all those contacted have agreed to participate in the project. Interviews are planned to start at the end of April 2015. The final report is expected to be delivered in August 2015.

B. Update on assessments

5. A list of the NHS trusts currently with Monitor for assessment is provided in Annex A. Any changes from last month's report are highlighted in red.

Active assessments (exception reporting)

6. The assessment of Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust, previously paused pending CQC inspection after its phase 1 was completed in December 2013, has been re-activated this month.

Referrals

7. The NHS TDA confirmed the referral of Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH), and has also referred Wirral Community NHS Trust and South West London and St George's Mental Health (SWLStG) NHS Trust. The preliminary work on SASH completed last month has been rolled into a full assessment which is underway.

Withdrawals

8. The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust have formally withdrawn their applications.

Quality governance reviews in the NHS TDA phase

9. The quality governance review of South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust has been completed.

Assessment Pipeline

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

C. Update on transactions

Cambridgeshire integrated and older persons care joint venture

11. Following a limited scope review and the resulting discussion at last month's Provider Appraisal Executive (PAE) meeting, some key concerns were discussed with key principals from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT), Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group at the end of March 2015. Further to assurances understood from this discussion the proposed 'Amber' transaction risk rating was approved by the PAE on 30 March 2015. The team's review of the transaction will continue through the opening of an investigation into CPFT's financial position, in order to understand more fully the risks arising from the transaction.

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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 is exempt from publication under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information is exempt as it falls under section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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 A: Current status of NHS trusts with Monitor for assessment

Active assessments					
Trust name	Status detail	Start	Exec meeting	Target Board to Board	Decision
Bradford District Care	Referral	Dec 2014	n/a	Mar 15	Apr 15
Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership	Reactivated (deferral)	Feb 15	n/a	28 Apr 15	May 15
Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals	Reactivated (paused)	Mar 15	n/a	10 June 2015	July 15
Surrey and Sussex Healthcare	Referral	Mar 15	n/a	w/c 1 June	July 15
Norfolk Community	Reactivated (paused)	April 15	n/a	end of June	[July] 15
<i>Paused in short-term</i>					
Oxford University Hospitals	Referral	Nov 2014; (to restart end April 15)	12 Jan 15	late June 2015	Aug 15
<i>Referred, awaiting start</i>					
Wirral Community	Referral	TBC 15			
South West London and St George's Mental Health	Referral	June/July 15			

Annex B: Pipeline information

(i) Monitor pipeline

	At 12 Mar 2015	Pipeline progress				At 8 April 2015
Total Foundation Trusts (FTs)	151	-	-	-	-	151
Monitor pipeline						
Active Assessments - decisions due this month	1		(1)	1		1
Active Assessments - in progress	3	1		(1)	1	4
Assessments paused in the short-term	1					1
Referrals waiting to start	-	2				2
Assessments paused post phase 1	3				(1)	2
Deferrals	2		1			3
Total Monitor pipeline	10	3	-	-	-	13
NHS TDA pipeline	80	(3)	-	-	-	77
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRUSTS	241	-	-	-	-	241

(ii) Pipeline analysis

	Acute	Mental Health	Community	Ambulance	Total
Foundation Trusts	101	42	3	5	151
Monitor pipeline	3	5	4	1	13
With TDA	52	9	12	4	77
Total trusts	157	56	19	10	241

(iii) QG reviews in TDA phase

Ongoing	Timing
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Completed	
South West London and St George's Mental Health	Jan – Mar 2015
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