

To:	Trust Board
From:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Date:	26 APRIL 2012
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Title:	MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT – APRIL 2012										
Author/Responsible Director:	Chief Executive										
Purpose of the Report:	To update the Trust Board on topical issues.										
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Summary / Key Points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the results of the work to finalise the Trust’s annual plan 2012/13; • Update to Monitor’s Financial Assumptions; • Safe and Sustainable : Review of Children’s Congenital Cardiac Services 										
Recommendations:	The Trust Board is invited to receive and note this report.										
Strategic Risk Register	Performance KPIs year to date										
N/A	N/A										
Previously considered at another UHL corporate Committee ? N/A											
Resource Implications (eg Financial, HR)											
N/A											
Assurance Implications											
The report aims to assure the Trust Board on a number of topical issues.											
Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Implications											
N/A											
Equality Impact											
N/A											
Information exempt from Disclosure											
N/A											
Requirement for further review ? Monthly report to each Trust Board meeting.											

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST

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1. KEY ISSUE

1.1 The key issue to be discussed by the Trust Board at this meeting includes:-

- the results of the work to finalise the Trust's annual plan 2012/13.

2. UPDATE TO MONITOR'S FINANCIAL ASSUMPTIONS

2.1 Monitor has published its financial assumptions for 2012/13 which are used in the assessment of applicant Trusts and provide guidance for Foundation Trusts when producing their annual plans.

2.2 Monitor's assumptions are revised each year to reflect a number of updates on both cost and income pressures and risks that will affect all healthcare providers. Cost pressures are composed of pay costs and non-pay costs, whereas income pressures arise from reductions to income uplifts.

2.3 The table below details the sector-wide recurrent efficiency requirement facing providers, as judged by Monitor:-

		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Acute	Assessor	4.5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.2%	4.2%
	Downside	5.25%	5.5%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%
Non-acute	Assessor	4.5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.2%	4.2%
	Downside	5.0%	5.5%	5.5%	4.7%	4.7%

2.4 In addition to sector-wide efficiency requirements, for Acute Trusts Monitor will consider the impact of tariff income levers as outlined in the NHS Operating Framework 2012/13, and the policies adopted by a Trust's commissioners. Monitor will assess and apply any additional

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pressures from these tariff levers non-recurrently on a case by case basis to reflect the circumstances of individual Trusts.

- 2.5 In publishing its revised financial assumptions, Monitor states that it recognises the scale of the productivity challenge, which it says must be delivered whilst maintaining or improving the quality of care to patients. Monitor adds that, to ensure quality is not compromised, it will be important for Trusts to look at new ways of working and new ways of delivering services as they seek to address the productivity challenge.

3. SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE: REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S CONGENITAL CARDIAC SERVICES

- 3.1 On 19th April 2012, the Court of Appeal published its judgement in respect of the appeal brought by the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts against the High Court decision of November 2011 quashing the major consultation which had been conducted into the reconfiguration of National Paediatric Cardiac Surgical Services, issued in March 2011.
- 3.2 In summary, the Court of Appeal allowed the appeal.
- 3.3 The Chair of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts, Sir Neil Mackay, has commented that, given the Court's judgement, the Joint Committee is able to take account of the respondents who called on the Joint Committee to give further consideration to options with three surgical units in London and that the Joint Committee will, in addition, consider a number of other new options that were proposed that include the surgical centres in Leeds, Leicester and Southampton amongst others.
- 3.4 The Chief Executive will report further orally on this matter at the Board meeting.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Trust Board is recommended to receive and note this report.

Malcolm Lowe-Lauri
Chief Executive

20th April 2012