

UHL No Deal EU-Exit Preparations

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Trust Board paper I

Executive Summary

Context

The UK is due to leave the European Union on 29th March 2019 and the Trust is required to plan for all eventualities, including a no deal EU-exit.

This report provides an update to the Board of Directors on preparations taken by the Trust during the month of February 2019.

Questions

1. Is the Trust Board assured that the Trust has satisfactory arrangements in place to monitor the potential impacts which may arise from a no deal EU-exit?

Conclusion

1. The Trust continues to receive guidance and direction from national and regional teams and is engaging with partners through a number of forums. The Trust's Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) has chaired a meeting of the Trust's No-Deal EU Exit Group and has sought assurance from members that action taken locally is proportionate and fit for purpose. The Group has not identified anything which may trigger significant disruption to any of its critical or essential functions at the present time. As an outcome, the Trust's risk assessment for a No-Deal EU Exit remains unchanged from January 2019, with a moderate score of 12.

Input Sought

The Trust Board is invited to note the contents of this report.

For Reference

1. The following **objectives** were considered when preparing this report:

Safe, high quality, patient centred healthcare	[Yes]
Effective, integrated emergency care	[Yes]
Consistently meeting national access standards	[Yes]
Integrated care in partnership with others	[Yes]
Enhanced delivery in research, innovation & ed'	[Yes]
A caring, professional, engaged workforce	[Yes]
Clinically sustainable services with excellent facilities	[Yes]
Financially sustainable NHS organisation	[Yes]
Enabled by excellent IM&T	[Yes]

2. This matter relates to the following **governance** initiatives:

a. Organisational Risk Register [Yes]

Datix Risk ID	Operational Risk Title(s) – add new line for each operational risk	Current Rating	Target Rating	
New Risk	If there is disruption to the supply of goods and services in UHL following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union, particularly in the event of no deal being secured, then it may result in disruption to the continuity of core services across the Trust, leading to potential for service disruption, harm, reputation and financial impact.	12	12	EU Exit Group

b. Board Assurance Framework [Elements included within]

3. Related **Patient and Public Involvement** actions taken, or to be taken: N/A

4. Results of any **Equality Impact Assessment**, relating to this matter: N/A

5. Scheduled date for the **next paper** on this topic: On Request

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REPORT TO: UHL TRUST BOARD

DATE: 7TH MARCH 2019

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: UHL NO DEAL EU-EXIT PREPARATIONS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The UK is due to leave the European Union at 11pm on the 29th March 2019.
- 1.2 The UK Government continues to negotiate with both Members of Parliament and the European Union to secure an orderly exit from the European Union. As long as negotiations continue, there is a risk that the UK will exit the European Union without a deal.
- 1.3 The purpose of this paper is to update the Board on what preparations are being taken by the Trust for a no deal EU-exit and this follows from the previous update to the Trust Board on 7th February 2019.

2 NATIONAL GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

- 2.1 During February, the Trust continued to receive guidance and direction from nationally and regionally-based teams within the NHS. This guidance and direction has been received by the Trust's Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for EU-Exit in addition to the Director of Safety and Risk and the Emergency Planning Officer who have cascaded this information as required.
- 2.2 The Trust has been asked to undertake a review of capacity and activity plans, as well as annual leave, on-call and command and control arrangements around the 29th March 2019. The Trust has undertaken this review in light of the current risk assessment and does not plan at this time to deviate from business as usual.

3 ENGAGEMENT

- 3.1 The Trust is continuing to engage closely with stakeholders and partner organisations through existing networks as well as through EU-Exit tactical and strategic coordination groups which have been setup across LLR.
- 3.2 The Trust continues to engage closely with stakeholders and partner organisations through business-as-usual networks as well as EU-Exit tactical and strategic coordination groups across LLR.

4 UHL NO-DEAL EU EXIT GROUP

- 4.1 The Trust's No-Deal EU Exit Group involves stakeholders involved with the 7 key areas identified nationally as areas of focus, including:
- a) Supply of medicines and vaccines;
 - b) Supply of medical devices and clinical consumables;
 - c) Supply of non-clinical consumables, goods and services;
 - d) Workforce;
 - e) Reciprocal healthcare;
 - f) Research and clinical trials;
 - g) Data sharing, processing and access.
- 4.2 The Trust's No-Deal EU Exit Group met for the first time on 26th February to review preparations for a no-deal EU Exit. This included:
- a) Reviewing current guidance and expectations from regional/national teams;
 - b) Seeking assurance from members of the Group that existing actions being taken by its remain proportionate to the risk and fit for purpose;
 - c) Agreeing for respective leads to work through various exercise scenarios with their teams before the next scheduled meeting, with the aim of providing further assurance to the Group.
- 4.3 The Trust's No-Deal EU Exit Group will next meet on the week commencing 11th March 2019.

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Based on the outcomes of the recent meeting of the Trust's No-Deal EU Exit Group, the existing risk assessment for a no-deal EU Exit which was approved by the Trust Board in February remains unchanged at a moderate score of 12.

6 NEXT UPDATE

- 6.1 The Trust will provide a further update to the Trust Board in April.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Planning continues for the UK's exit from the European Union, however it is an area of uncertainty and plans must remain flexible to respond. UHL is integrated into the whole system planning and work to mitigate the level of risk to the Trust will continue and be escalated appropriately.
- 7.2 The Trust Board is invited to note the contents of this report.

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