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To:	Trust Board
From:	INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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Title:	MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT – OCTOBER 2012		
Author/Responsible Director: Interim Chief Executive			
Purpose of the Report: To update the Trust Board on topical issues.			
The Report is provided to the Board for:			
	Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion
	Assurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endorsement
Summary / Key Points:			
<p>The report updates the Board on a number of topical issues, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key issues this month; • East Midlands Academic Health Science Network (AHSN); • National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence – Driving Standards in Social Care; • Department of Health Consultation on ensuring fair and transparent pricing for NHS 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	
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 ISSUES

- 1.1 The key issues to highlight to the Trust Board at this meeting are:-
- the Trust's financial position to the end of September 2012;
 - performance against the 4 hour accident and emergency target;
 - the latest position regarding the safe and sustainable review relating to children's cardiac surgery services,

1.2 Reports on each of these matters feature elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

2. EAST MIDLANDS ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE NETWORK (AHSN)

2.1 At its meeting on 30 August 2012 (Minute 239/12 refers), the Trust Board was updated on the development of the application to establish an East Midlands Academic Health Science Network (AHSN).

2.2 The East Midlands AHSN application (or prospectus) was submitted to the Department of Health by the due deadline. The work leading to the submission of the application commenced under the auspices of the East Midlands Academic Health Sciences Cluster group (UHL, Nottingham University Hospitals, Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust and the Universities of Leicester, Nottingham and Loughborough, respectively). The application was concluded by an executive group under the chairmanship of Dr P Homa, Chief Executive, Nottingham University Hospitals with the Acting Director of the East Midlands Leadership Academy acting as the Lead Director for the project. The Trust's Director of Research and Development represented the Trust in the executive group discussions.

2.3 The proposal extends to 108 pages and is the product of considerable consultation undertaken throughout the East Midlands – extending to 145 stakeholders to date.

2.4 The application seeks to address the Department of Health's AHSN key themes and core functions, namely:-

- providing a systematic delivery mechanism for a collaboration of academic, health and social care bodies to identify, adopt and spread proven innovations and best practice;
- creating a culture of sharing and learning based on multidisciplinary, professional and clinical leadership and engagement;
- supporting knowledge exchange networks to provide for rapid evaluation and early adoption of new innovations under tight surveillance and monitoring;
- supporting industry research; research participation; translating research and learning into practice; and wealth creation.

2.5 A further update will be submitted to the Board once the Department of Health has responded to the application.

3. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE – DRIVING STANDARDS IN SOCIAL CARE

3.1 From April 2013, the role of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) will expand and include social care. The Department of Health has agreed an initial list of joint NHS/Social Care quality standards topics for NICE to start working on.

3.2 These include:-

- autism in adults and children;
- mental well-being of older people in residential care;
- the transition between health and social care, including discharge planning, admission avoidance, reducing readmissions and reducing unnecessary bed occupancy;
- medicines management in care homes;
- management of physical and mental co-morbidities of older people in community and residential care settings;
- domiciliary care;
- transition between children and adult services;
- child maltreatment.

- 3.3 NICE will develop better evidence on what high-quality care looks like with the aim of improving the quality of social care.
- 3.4 NICE expects that standards in autism and mental well-being of older people in residential care quality standards will be published in 2013/14, with other quality standards published later.
- 3.5 NICE is currently piloting two joint NHS/Social Care quality standards, covering the care of people with dementia and the health and well-being of looked after children and young people. Following a consultation process, NICE is aiming to publish these final quality standards in April 2013.

4. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION ON ENSURING FAIR AND TRANSPARENT PRICING FOR NHS SERVICES

- 4.1 On 5th October 2012, the Department of Health launched a consultation to help ensure fair and transparent pricing of NHS services.
- 4.2 From April 2014, Monitor and the NHS Commissioning Board will take over responsibility for pricing NHS services from the Department of Health. They will do this through the national tariff.
- 4.3 The consultation seeks views on the Department of Health's proposals for:-
 - which Providers can formally object to Monitor's way of calculating prices;
 - what level of objections from Commissioners and/or Providers would require Monitor to: reconsider how it calculates prices, or refer its way of calculating prices to the Competition Commission, who will then decide whether or not it is appropriate.
- 4.4 The closing date for responses is 21st December 2012 and the Trust will keep under review the response to the consultation to be made by the NHS Confederation in due course.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Trust Board is invited to receive and note this report.

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18th October 2012