Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals **NHS**



Report Title	Finance Report: Month 02 2020/21				
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Meeting	Trust Board (Public)	Date 2 nd July 2020			

1. Suggested discussion points [two or three issues you consider the Trust Board should focus on]

The Trust remains in the Covid-19 interim financial arrangements. The Month 1 £3.8m retrospective top up was received on the 15th June. The Month 2 top up required was £2.8m. Coincidentally, the retrospective top up values corresponded with specifically identified pandemic related costs. The range of Covid-19 costs as a percentage of monthly spend is 4-7%. The Trust was at the top end of this range at Month 2, and was the 7th highest in the region. We think this is representative of the levels of the virus we saw in our Trust.

Covid costs are not necessarily the driver of the difference – as costs and income used to form the baseline block have evolved since 1920. As the retrospective top up is reduced, the Trust's block may need to increase back to the post CIP expenditure budgets as BAU costs increase, even when Covid-19 costs are reducing. This is the approach we are adopting, and this is why understanding performance against Trust budgets and CIP delivery is key.

Guidance is emerging in relation to the financial framework for Months 5-12. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

2. Alignment to 2020 Vision [indicate with an 'X' which Plan this paper supports]							
Safety Plan		Public Health Plan		People Plan & Education Plan	Х		
Quality Plan		Research and Development		Estates Plan	Х		
Financial Plan	X	Digital Plan		Other [specify in the paper]			

3. Previous consideration [where has this paper been previously discussed?]

PMC 23rd June 2020

4. Recommendation(s)

The Trust Board is asked to:

- Discuss the contents of the report
- Agree that CIP delivery plans continue as planned to maintain the Trust's financial plan

5. Impact [indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and where shown elaborate]							
Trust Risk Register	x 3688						
Board Assurance Framework	x SBAF 9						
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Υ		Ζ	Х	If 'Y' date completed	
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Υ		Ζ	Х	If 'Y' date completed	