

Report Title	Finance Report Month 6 (including plan 7-12)		
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Meeting	Trust Board (Public)	Date	5 th November 2020

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

The retrospective top up arrangement ended at Month 6. Validation of all top up claims may not be complete until the end of November, and NHSI/E are widening their review to the Balance Sheet to ensure Trusts are not using the process to plump that up.

Pay costs increased in Month 6 to over £30m as the Trust manages Covid alongside restoration and recovery. This increase was unfortunately reflected in an increase in agency costs to over £1.2m.

The key focus for the Trust now is delivery of the Month 7-12 plan. In summary the Trust can afford to stick to post CIP expenditure budgets, recover other income with a £2.3m shortfall on budget, plus an allowance for circa £10m of additional spend. The budget for Months 7-12 in total is £10m more than the Trust spent in months 1-6. The system is treating Covid and non-Covid expenditure as one – although we must continue to identify Covid drivers for expenditure.

The Trust's plan (submitted on 22nd October) overall reports an expected £4.3m deficit. With a £2m funding source expected for Taper Relief costs, £2.3m is the target deficit. If we do better than this, the variance is returned to the BCWB STP to help those adversely away from plan. If the whole system does collectively better than plan, we would get a share of that. The Trust is not currently accepting responsibility for a share of an overall system deficit position, should that happen, but it would take responsibility for its own variance.

2. Alignment to 2020 Vision *[indicate with an 'X' which Plan this paper supports]*

Safety Plan		Public Health Plan		People Plan & Education Plan	x
Quality Plan		Research and Development		Estates Plan	x
Financial Plan	x	Digital Plan		Other <i>[specify in the paper]</i>	

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

PMC, CLE, 27th October 2020

4. Recommendation(s)

The Trust Board is asked to:

- a. Discuss the contents of the report

5. Impact *[indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and where shown elaborate]*

Trust Risk Register	x	3688, 3689				
Board Assurance Framework	x	SBAF 9, SBAF 10				
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	x	If 'Y' date completed
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	x	If 'Y' date completed