

**Strategic Finance Committee Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 01st February 2019,
13:00-15:00, WebEx Videoconference (adverse weather conditions).**

Minutes

Present		
John Rushforth	Strategic Finance Committee Chair	JRu
Rob Moors	Assistant Chief Finance Officer	RM
Sarah Truelove	BNSSG Chief Finance Officer	ST
Julia Ross	BNSSG Chief Executive Officer	JRo
Deborah El-Sayed	BNSSG Transformation Director	DE-S
Lisa Manson	BNSSG Commissioning Director	LM
Apologies		
Jonathan Hayes	BNSSG Clinical Chair	JH
In attendance		
Steve Rea	BNSSG Associate Director of Programme Delivery	SR

	Item	Action
01	Declarations of Interest	
02	<p>Minutes The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.</p> <p>Action Log The action log was updated accordingly.</p>	
03	<p>CCG Month 9 Financial Report Information Only.</p>	
04	<p>System Financial Recovery Plan A paper was submitted to the committee prior to the meeting. SR introduced the paper noting 2018/19 forecast outturn savings delivery was unchanged from the month 9 position. In addition SR updated the committee that £21.8m has now been identified to support the 19/20 savings plan with 3 notable projects added within the last month.</p> <p>JRu asked if delivery for the remainder of the year has plateaued? SR confirmed it should not fall further behind, and the CCG should get closer to achieving £30m of savings, but there are risks around this. ST advised that every month the CCG are forecasting increased saving on prescribing which should support delivery of this increased outturn.</p> <p>JRo asked If the CCG hit the £30m target then will £3.5m come down? ST responded by confirming this is the case.</p>	

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	<p>SR concluded that significant work is underway to further develop next year's saving plan. Appendix 2 of the paper presents opportunity areas that are being verified. JRo asked at what stage do we start quantifying these? SR advised that they are all at different stages, the work is being done and an update will be provided to the next Finance Committee.</p>	
05	<p>Review Allocation for 19/20 and control totals Deferred</p>	
06	<p>Review Allocation for 19/20 and control totals The presentation was submitted prior to the meeting. ST highlighted the following areas:</p> <p>ST began by advising on the programme growth and explained the CCG's total for this year's will be £68m. There has been £14m transferred from the provider sustainability to the emergency prices and also £14m for the Pay and Prices (excluding 18/19 pay catch-up) both of which have paid directly to the providers.</p> <p>ST continued to highlight the CCG's control total in 18/19 was £10m deficit, but this year we have been asked to deliver a break-even position, which will present a challenge. Across the system AWP have stated they will accept control total however NBT, UHB and Weston are in discussions as to whether they accept these or not.</p> <p>Progress in the current contracting round has identified significant difference between the CCG's final planning assumptions for next year and our providers. The main issues are forecast outturn particularly around non-elective growth. The initial outcomes of a recent audit at NBT suggested inaccuracy in admissions recordings and this remains an on-going process. In addition the CCG have also seen an increase in recent months in UHB in non-elective activity.</p> <p>Planning guidance requires alignment of system plans and this includes aligning the impact of transformational change and CCG QIPP initiatives. The system is currently undertaking a change initiatives review to agree system priorities and their subsequent impacts within contracts. There is a huge amount of work in the system and it has been helpful to focus on where we should all be for the next year.</p> <p>The following questions/discussions arose following the presentation:</p> <p>JRu asked if the CCG's control total feels achievable? ST answered that the CCG sees this as a challenge, but is in discussions with NHSE regarding certain subsidies the CCG currently pays, such as Weston's sustainability.</p>	

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	JRu further asked if the CCG does not accept the control total, what does this mean for it? ST explained the CCG we won't be offered extra financial recovery or sustainability funding. JRo concluded the CCG needs to accept their control total but also understand how the CCG is going to mitigate in-year under delivery of £3.5m, some of which may be achievable via increased QIPP delivery or from the outcomes of recent non-elective activity reviews.	
07	Review planning for 19/20 Deferred	
08	Transformation Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BCF Review Update Information Only - Urgent Treatment Centres Information Only - NHSE funding for mental health employment provision Information Only 	
09	SFC Risk Register and Governing Body Assurance Framework Information Only	
10	Review Forward work programme Information Only	
11	Review of Key Message for Governing Body	
12	Any other business	