ITEM 8 – ASPIRING NHS FOUNDATION TRUSTS – LTHT PROGRESS UPDATE 21 MARCH 2014



Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

The NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA) currently rates the Trust as having material concerns and there are a number of issues which need to be resolved before the Trust can progress to Foundation Trust status.

The Trust has recently appointed a number of new members to the executive team with Julian Hartley, the new Chief Executive, appointed in October 2013. Given that stability of the management of the Trust is a factor in the consideration for FT status the integration of the new executive team is an important aspect.

The Trust's financial position is also required to be stable with the Trust currently predicting a deficit for 2014/15.

In addition sustainable delivery of all access targets is required in particular Referral to Treatment and Cancer Access Targets with infection control measures around C-Difficile also requiring attention.

On the 17th March the Chief Inspector of Hospitals is due to inspect the Trust. A successful outcome to this is required for the NHS TDA Board to progress a Foundation Trust application with Monitor.

Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust

The NHS TDA currently considers the Trust capable of proceeding to the final stages of becoming a Foundation Trust. A date is still awaited for the Chief Inspector of Hospitals inspection, sometime in 2014. If this is successful, the NHS TDA Board will then consider whether to agree its application to the FT regulator Monitor.

The Trust is at present in the process of appointing a new chief executive following the departure of Rob Webster to the NHS Confederation. Given that stability of the management of the Trust is a factor in the consideration for FT status, completion of the appointments process will be a positive development.

The Trust's financial position is expected to be stable also – with its outturn at year end reckoned to be on plan.

In November 2013 the Care Quality Commission issued an improvement notice for the South Leeds Independence Centre – care and welfare actions are due for completion this month as a result.