

NHS Board meeting
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SUBJECT: EU WITHDRAWAL

1. PURPOSE

The paper is coming to the NHS Board:

For approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	For endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>	To note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD

The paper has been:

Prepared	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endorsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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By the Director of Public Health, Gabe Docherty/Martin Gordon, Resilience Manager.

Due to the enduring uncertainty created by the ongoing withdrawal debate and unsettled political landscape this paper shall be supplemented by a verbal update to reflect the most current circumstances.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The United Kingdom (UK) voted to leave the European Union (EU) by referendum in 2016. This has commonly become known as Brexit. The process of Brexit is a matter reserved to the Westminster Parliament.

This paper updates the report provided to the Planning, Performance & Resources Committee meeting in September 2019.

The current position continues to remain uncertain, however the date set for leaving the EU is 31st October 2019.

In early October 2019 all Directors were been asked to check and revise, where necessary, Business Continuity Plans and to refresh local Bronze and Silver Command groups in case personnel have changed since March 2019.

NHSL has been proactive in preparing for withdrawal and responding to the resultant impacts. The topic is a standing item on the Corporate Management Team (CMT) agenda and while the live incident declared in March 2019 was paused, this was reactivated as a live incident on 7 October 2019.

Following the first round of meetings, the Command structure was revised and updated to ensure a balanced approach that supports an efficient response. The Clinical Tactical and Strategic Group meetings identified improvements that could be made to avoid the potential for the duplication and overlap. These changes have been put in place.

Three roadshows have been held in October to provide all staff with the opportunity to engage with the preparations being put in place and to gather feedback on our preparedness arrangements as we go forward. These have been very well attended and the feedback gathered has been positive.

The Command structure is in place and operating as intended, with Gold (Strategic), Silver (Tactical) and Bronze (Operational) Groups up running.

Information on planning assumptions, and the latest advice from statutory partners, is uploaded regularly on to our FirstPort EU Withdrawal page.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government directive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory requirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AHF/local policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Urgent operational issue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

This paper aligns to the following elements of safety and quality improvement:

Three Quality Ambitions:

Safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Six Quality Outcomes:

Everyone has the best start in life and is able to live longer healthier lives; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are able to live well at home or in the community; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Everyone has a positive experience of healthcare; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

The challenge will be for NHSL to continue to provide safe and effective services not that of improving services.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Due to the unconfirmed terms of exit and unknown implications it is not possible to quantify the financial impact of Brexit upon NHSL.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Brexit is already included in the Corporate Risk Register.

9. FIT WITH BEST VALUE CRITERIA

This paper aligns to the following best value criteria:

Vision and leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability Management	<input type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT / FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

Not applicable.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Board is asked to:

Approve	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endorse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify further actions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept the risk identified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ask for a further report	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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