

# Reservation of Powers to the Board and Delegation of Powers

(Scheme of Reservation and Delegation)

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#### INTRODUCTION

The NHS Code of Governance<sup>1</sup>, requires there to be a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved to the Board of Directors and a schedule of decisions/duties delegated by the Board of Directors

The purpose of this document is to define those powers which are reserved to the Board. It also outlines, those powers which are delegated, the extent of the delegation and to whom they are delegated.

However, regardless of whether or not they are delegated, the Board remains accountable for all of its functions, and will establish mechanisms through which it will information about the exercise of delegated functions, to enable it to maintain an oversight role.

#### A Role of the Chief Executive

Any powers of the Trust which have not been reserved by the Board or delegated to a committee shall be exercised by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive shall prepare an Operational Scheme of Delegation proposing which functions they shall perform personally and which functions have been delegated to other Executive Directors, the Executive Leadership Team and/or other specified officers, for approval by the Board.

#### **B** Caution over the Use of Delegated Powers

Powers are delegated to Directors and officers on the understanding that they would not exercise delegated powers in a matter that in their judgment was likely to be a cause for public concern.

All decisions taken on the basis of this scheme of delegation should also have regard to the Trust's **Standing Financial Instructions**, **Standing Orders and relevant policy and procedures**.

#### C Absence of Director or Officer to whom Powers have been Delegated

In the absence of a Director or officer to whom powers have been delegated, those powers shall be exercised by that Director or officer's superior, unless alternative arrangements have been approved by Board. If the Chief Executive is absent, powers delegated to them may be exercised by the Deputy Chief Executive after taking advice from the Executive Directors and/or Chair as appropriate.

#### D Directors' Ability to Delegate their own Delegated Powers

The Scheme of Delegation shows only the "top level" of delegation within the Trust. The Scheme is to be used in conjunction with the system of budgetary control and other established procedures within the Trust.

This Scheme of Delegation should be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions. In addition all staff members should be aware of and comply with the Trust's policies and procedures.

A list of definitions is included as Appendix 1 and a Glossary of Terms at Appendix 2.

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#### SECTION 1 - DECISIONS RESERVED TO THE BOARD

REF	Reser ved By:		DECISIONS RESERVED TO THE BOARD
NHS Act 2006	BOARD	Gene	eral enabling provision
(as amended by the H&SC Act 2012)		1.	The Board of Directors shall exercise all powers of the Trust as set out in the NHS Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012), subject to any restrictions by its license, or as delegated in accordance with this Scheme. The Board at a full session may determine any matter it wishes in within its statutory powers.
	BOARD	Regu	Ilations and Control
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE		1.	Approve Standing Orders (SOs), a schedule of decisions reserved to the Board and Standing Financial Instructions.
Sections A & B		2.	Suspend Standing Orders. (SO 5.14)
		3.	Vary or amend the Standing Orders. (SO 5.15)
		4.	Ratify any emergency decisions taken by the Chair and Chief Executive in public / private session in accordance with SO 6.1
		5.	Approve a scheme of delegation of powers from the Board to committees. (SO 6.2 and 6.3)
		6.	Receive any declaration of Board members' and Council of Governors interests which may conflict with those of the Trust and determine the extent to which that member may remain involved when the matter is under consideration.
		7.	Receive any declaration of officers' interests which may conflict with those of the Trust.
		8.	Approve arrangements for dealing with complaints.
		9.	Adopt the Executive Directors organisation structure and monitor the processes and procedures employed by Executive Directors to require and facilitate the discharge of business by the Trust and agree modification there to.
		10.	Receive reports from committees including those which the Trust is required by regulation to establish and to take appropriate action thereon.
		11.	Confirm the recommendations of the Trust's committees where the committees do not have executive powers.
		12.	Approve arrangements relating to the discharge of the Trust's responsibilities as a corporate trustee for funds held on trust.
		13.	Establish and remove committees and sub committees of the Board and approve terms of reference and reporting arrangements for those committees and sub-committees.

		14.	Approve arrangements relating to the discharge of the Trust's responsibilities as a bailee for patients' property.
		15	To consider instances of failure to comply with Standing Orders brought to the Chief Executive's attention in accordance with SO 6.4
		16.	To ensure appropriate disciplinary action is taken where Board members or employees have breached statutory requirements of the Trust's Constitution or Standing Orders.
		17.	Approve amendments to the Trust Constitution prior to submission to the Council of Governors and NHS England.
NHS CODE OF	BOARD	Appo	ointments/Dismissal
GOVERNANCE		1.	Appoint members of committees of the Board.
Section C		2.	Appoint the Chief Executive and Executive Directors (subject to section 27 of the Constitution )
		3.	Confirm appointment of Directors of the Trust as representatives on outside bodies if Board endorsement is required.
		4.	Appoint the Chief Executive, Directors and non Agenda for Change staff on the basis of proposals presented by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.
		5.	Appoint the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director (SID), in consultation with Council of Governors.
NHS CODE OF	BOARD	Stra	itegy, Business Plans and Budgets
GOVERNANCE		1.	Define the strategic aims and objectives of the Trust.
Sections A & C		2.	Approve proposals for ensuring quality and developing clinical governance in services provided by the Trust, having regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State, NICE, NHS England and the Care Quality Commission.
		3.	Approve the Trust's policies and procedures for the management of risk.
		4.	Approve Strategic Outline Cases, Outline Business Cases and Final Business Cases for Capital and or revenue Investment where the value is over £1.5m after assurance review by the Finance and Investment Committee.
		5.	Approve the Trust's Annual Revenue Budget and capital programme.
		6.	Approve the Trust's workforce plan.
		7.	Approve proposals for acquisition, disposal or change of use of land and/or buildings in accordance with the limits within the operational scheme of delegation.
		8.	Approve PFI proposals.
		9.	Approve the opening of bank accounts.

		10.	Approve individual contracts (other than NHS contracts) of a capital or revenue nature amounting to, or likely to amount to a value that exceeds the limits in section 5/6 of the Operational Scheme of Delegation.
		11.	Approve individual cases of write off of losses or special payments above the limits in section 12 of the Operational Scheme of Delegation.
		12.	Approve the use the NHS risk pooling schemes
		13.	Approve the Care Quality Commission Registration document.
NHS CODE OF	BOARD	Audit	
GOVERNANCE	DUARD	Addit	
Section D		1.	Review the annual management letter received from the external auditor, taking account of the advice, where appropriate, of the Audit Committee.
		2.	Receive an annual report from the Internal Auditor and agree action on recommendations, where appropriate, taking account of the advice of the Audit Committee.
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NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE Section D	BOARD	Annua	Il Report and Accounts
		1.	Approve the Trust's Annual Report and Annual Accounts as prepared by the Executive Directors in accordance with NHS England guidelines for presentation to the Council of Governors, and the Members at the Annual Members Meeting.
		2.	Acting as in its role as Corporate Trustee in accordance with Annex 6A of the Constitution, approve the Annual Report and Accounts for funds held on trust, prepared in accordance with the Charity Commissions guidelines.
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE	BOARD	Monito	oring
Sections A and		1.	Receive reports in respect of powers delegated to committees.
С		2.	Receive reports to enable continuous appraisal of the affairs of the Trust from Executive Directors, committees and officers of the Trust as the Board sees fit. All monitoring returns required by the Independent Regulator and the Charity Commission shall be reported, at least in summary, to the Board.
		3.	Receive performance reports against agree internal, local, contractual and national targets and standards

#### SECTION 2 – DECISIONS / DUTIES DELEGATED BY THE BOARD TO COMMITTEES

REF	COMMITTEE	DECISION/DUTIES DELEGATED BY THE BOARD TO COMMITTEES
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE Section D	AUDIT COMMITTEE	The specific duties of the Committee are contained in the terms of reference as approved by the Trust Board. The summary key areas of Committee focus (non exhaustive) are as follows:
		The Committee shall review the establishment and maintenance of an effective system of governance, risk management, and internal control, across the whole of the Trust's activities, (both clinical and non-clinical), that support the achievement of the Trust's objectives.
		In particular, the Committee will review the adequacy and effectiveness of:
		risk management systems
		The Committee will advise the Trust Board and Accountable Officer on:
		<ul> <li>the strategic processes for risk, control and governance and the Annual Governance Statement.</li> <li>accounting policies, the annual report and accounts; including the process for review of the accounts prior to submission for audit, levels of error identified, and management's letter of representation to the external auditors.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>the planned activity and results of both internal and external audit.</li> <li>adequacy of management response to issues identified by audit activity including external audit's management letter.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>assurances relating to the management of risk, (including tracking the delivery recommendations arising from audit reports), and corporate governance requirement for the organisation.</li> <li>proposals for tendering for either internal or external audit services, or for purchase of non-audit services from contractors who provide audit services.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>anti-fraud policies, whistleblowing/freedom to speak up processes, and arrangements for special investigations.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Receive reports on the use of the Trust Seal (changed from Trust Board subject to Council of Governor approval)</li> </ul>
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE Section C	NOMINATIONS AND REMUNERATION	The specific duties of the Committee are contained in the terms of reference as approved by the Trust Board. The summary key areas of Committee focus (non exhaustive) are as follows:
	COMMITTEE	<ul> <li>Lead the process for identifying and nominating a candidate, for approval by the Council of Governors, to fill the position of Chief Executive.</li> </ul>
		Be responsible for identifying and appointing candidates to fill all other Executive Director positions.

REF	COMMITTEE	DECISION/DUTIES DELEGATED BY THE BOARD TO COMMITTEES
		<ul> <li>Lead the process for the removal of the Executive Directors.</li> <li>Establish appropriate remuneration and terms and conditions of employment for Executive Directors, including pension rights and any compensation payments.</li> <li>Oversee objective setting and performance appraisal of the Chief Executive and receive any report from the Chief Executive on any issue concerning any of the Executive Directors, particularly performance appraisals, prior to discussing such appraisals with the relevant Director.</li> </ul>
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE Sections A & B	QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE	The specific duties of the Committee are contained in the terms of reference as approved by the Trust Board. The summary key areas of Committee focus (non exhaustive) are as follows:  To receive assurance the Trust is meeting the requirements set out in the Quality Strategy and its associated plans; taking into account the Trust's role in system-wide transformation and reducing health inequalities. There are 3 key elements:  • Safety of treatment and care provided to patients - avoidable harm.  • Effectiveness of treatment and care provided to patients - measured by both clinical outcomes and patient related outcomes.  • Experience patients have of their treatment and the care they received.  To provide assurance to the Trust Board that the Trust has appropriate arrangements for measuring and monitoring clinical quality with a focus on ensuring required standards are achieved; for investigating and taking action on sub-standard quality performance, for planning and driving continuous quality improvement and for identifying, sharing and ensuring delivery of best practice; and that these arrangements are robust, effective and support delivery of our strategic objectives.  To provide assurance to the Trust Board concerning all aspects of quality, relating to the provision of care and services in support of achieving the best clinical outcomes and experience for patients working as appropriate with partner health and care organisations.  To provide assurance to the Trust Board that the structures, systems and processes are in place to support the provision and delivery of high quality, safe, patient care and to promote equality, diversity and inclusion.  To provide assurance to the Trust Board that the high and extreme risks and relevant Board Assurance Framework risks are being identified and managed effectively. Where there are concerns that the action being taken is not being effective, in that the score is not reducing in line with the risk appetite for that risk, the Committee shall seek to gain assurance that

REF	COMMITTEE	DECISION/DUTIES DELEGATED BY THE BOARD TO COMMITTEES
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE Sections A & B	FINANCE, INVESTMENT &	The specific duties of the Committee are contained in the terms of reference as approved by the Trust Board. The summary key areas of Committee focus (non exhaustive) are as follows:
Geotions A & B	PERFORMAN CE	To provide assurance to the Trust Board that key financial, contractual, and investment issues are properly scrutinised.
	COMMITTEE	To ensure robust measures exist to review financial performance and to give oversight to the development of appropriate financial strategy; this will include a review and recommendation on the proposed annual budget to the Trust Board.
		To ascertain assurance with regard to the Trust delivering the financial plan for the year.
		To provide assurance to the Trust Board, that the relevant high and extreme risks, and relevant Board Assurance Framework risks are being managed effectively. Where there are concerns that the action being taken is not effective; in that the score is not reducing in-line with the risk appetite for that risk, the Committee shall seek to gain assurance that appropriate additional or alternative action has been considered and is being implemented.
		To provide assurance to the Trust Board on proposed investment and capital expenditure planning; in particular, noting how such plans support Board operational strategy and/ or risk mitigation.
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE Sections A & B	AND	The specific duties of the Committee are contained in the terms of reference as approved by the Trust Board. The summary key areas of Committee focus (non exhaustive) are as follows:
	COMMITTEE	The Committee's duty is to assure the Board in relation to:
		<ul> <li>The Trust's people strategy, workforce plans and associated transformation programmes are delivering the agreed people, culture, productivity, and financial improvements.</li> <li>People-related key performance indicators.</li> <li>Freedom to Speak Up.</li> <li>Equality, diversity and inclusion.</li> <li>Health, safety, and staff well-being.</li> <li>Workforce education and development for all professions.</li> <li>Those elements of the Board Assurance Framework identified as the responsibility of the committee.</li> </ul>
NHS CODE OF GOVERNANCE		The specific duties of the Executive Leadership Team which will on a monthly basis meet as Trust Delivery Group (TDG) are contained in the terms of reference as approved by the Trust Board. The summary key

REF	COMMITTEE	DECISION/DUTIES DELEGATED BY THE BOARD TO COMMITTEES
Sections A & B	DELIVERY	areas of the Group's focus (non exhaustive) are as follows to:
	GROUP	<ol> <li>Act as a forum to consider strategic challenges and issues, development of the operational plan and financial plan, significant service change, performance and address cross-care group issues.</li> <li>Operate in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation and Standing Financial Instructions as set out in</li> </ol>
		the Trust's Corporate Governance Framework.
		3. Be accountable through the Chief Executive, providing assurance to the Trust Board.
		ELT/TDG will oversee the day to day management of an effective system of governance, risk management, and internal control across the Trust's activities (both clinical and non-clinical); which also supports the achievement of the Trust's objectives.
		In particular the ELT/TDG will review, approve, and monitor:
		Implementation of strategic and operational plans to support delivery of the Trust's objectives
		Performance and financial management
		Risk management and internal control
		Compliance with regulatory frameworks
		Policy approval Business case development
		Receive assurance and escalation reports from sub groups

#### SECTION 3 – DECISIONS RESERVED TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

REF	Reserved By	DECISIONS RESERVED TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
N/A	COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS	General enabling provision under Health and Social Care Act 2012
Constitution clause 25	COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS	Appointments/Dismissal
and Annex 5	GOVERNORS	1. Subject to clause 25 and annex 5, sections 2, 3, 17 of the Constitution, to appoint or remove the Chair and the other Non-Executive Directors.
section 2, 3 and 17		2. To appoint or remove the Trust's external auditor on the recommendation of the Audit Committee (SFI s2.4)
allu I <i>I</i>		3. To approve an appointment (by the Non-Executive Directors) of the Chief Executive.
		4. To approve the remuneration and other terms and conditions of office, of the Chair and other Non-Executive Directors.
		5. To appoint the Lead Governor - Annex 4, section 8.
N/A	COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS	Other
		To approve:     amendments to the constitution     the Trust to entering into a significant transaction
		2. Preparation and review of the Trust's Membership Development Strategy and the role and composition of the Council of Governors.
		3. To receive audit reports and recommendations as referred to them by the Audit Committee
		4. To receive the Annual Report and Accounts approved by the Board prior to the presentation at the Annual Members Meeting.

#### SECTION 4 - DECISIONS DELEGATED BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

DELEGATED TO	DUTIES DELEGATED
Trust Chair	Has responsibility for chairing the Council of Governor meetings in accordance with the provisions set out in the Constitution and Standing Orders.
Trust Vice Chair	To preside over meetings of the Council of Governors in the circumstances outlined in Annex 5, section 4.3 of the Constitution and Standing Orders.
APPOINTMENTS AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE	The specific duties of the Committee are contained in the terms of reference as approved by the Council of Governors. The summary key areas of Committee focus (non exhaustive) are as follows:  • To identity and recommend to the Council of Governors for approval, potential candidates for appointment as Non Executive Directors and the Chair.
	Trust Chair  Trust Vice Chair  APPOINTMENTS AND REMUNERATION

#### SECTION 5 - DELEGATIONS DERIVED FROM THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER MEMORANDUM<sup>2</sup>

REF	DELEGATED TO	DUTIES DELEGATED
Section 7	Chief Executive	Accountable through NHS Accounting Officer to Parliament for stewardship of Trust resources.
Section 9		Ensure the accounts of the Trust are prepared under the principles and in a format directed by the Independent Regulator.
		Accounts must show a true and fair view of the Trust's income and expenditure and its state of affairs and be prepared on a going concern basis.
		Ensure that the Trust operates within the Prudential Borrowing Code laid down by the Independent Regulator.
		Sign the accounts on behalf of the Board.
	Chief Executive	Sign a statement in the accounts outlining responsibilities as the Accountable Officer.

 $<sup>^2 \, \</sup>underline{\text{NHS\_Foundation\_Trust\_Accounting\_Officer\_Memorandum.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)}} \\ 12$ 

Section 10	Chief Executive	<ul> <li>Ensure effective management systems that safeguard public funds and assist the Trust Chair to implement the requirements of corporate governance including ensuring that managers:</li> <li>1. Have a clear view of their objectives and the means to assess achievements in relation to those objectives.</li> <li>2. Be assigned well defined responsibilities for making the best use of resources; and</li> <li>3. Have the information, training and access to the expert advice they need to exercise their responsibilities effectively.</li> </ul>
Section 10	Chair	Implement requirements of corporate governance.
Sections 7, 8	Chief Executive	Achieve value for money from the resources available to the Trust and avoid waste and extravagance in the Trust's activities.
		Follow through the implementation of any recommendations affecting good practice as set out in reports from such bodies as the National Audit Office (NAO).
Section 15	Chief Finance Officer	Operational responsibility for effective and sound financial management and information.
Section 15	Chief Executive	Primary duty to see that Director of Finance discharges this function.
Section 16	Chief Executive	Ensuring that expenditure by the Trust complies with Parliamentary requirements.
Section 17	Chief Executive	Promote observance of Codes of Conduct and Accountability by all staff
Section 12	Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer	Chief Executive, supported by Director of Finance, to ensure appropriate advice is given to the Board on all matters of probity, regularity, prudent and economical administration, efficiency and effectiveness.
Section 13	Chief Executive	If the Chief Executive considers the Board or Chair is doing something which might infringe probity or regularity, they should set this out in writing to the Chair and the Board. If the matter is unresolved, they should ask the Audit Committee to enquire and if necessary inform the Independent Regulator.
Section 13	Chief Executive	If the Board is contemplating a course of action which raises an issue not of formal propriety or regularity but affects the Chief Executive's responsibility for value for money, the Chief Executive should draw the relevant factors to the attention of the Board. If the outcome is that the Chief Executive is overruled it is normally sufficient to ensure that the advice and the overruling of it are clearly apparent from the papers. Exceptionally, the Chief Executive should inform the Independent Regulator. In such cases, and in those described in the Accountable Officer Memorandum, the Chief Executive should as a member of the Board vote against the course of action rather than merely abstaining from voting.

#### **SECTION 6 – DELEGATIONS FROM STANDING ORDERS**

REF	DELEGATED TO	AUTHORITIES/DUTIES DELEGATED
SO 1	CHAIR	Final authority in interpretation of SOs as advised by the Chief Executive or Trust Secretary.
SO 5.2	CHAIR	Calling meetings of the Trust Board.
SO 5.5	CHAIR	Chairing all Trust Board meetings and associated responsibilities.
SO 7.2	TRUST SECRETARY	Maintain the Register(s) of interests.
SO 9	TRUST SECRETARY	Keeping Trust Seal in a safe place, maintaining a register of sealings and reporting use to the Trust Board. The Trust Secretary is also a signatory for sealings.
SO 10.1	Chief Executive or Executive Directors	Approving and signing all documents which will be necessary in legal proceedings.
SO 10.2	Chief Executive or Executive Directors or Trust Representative	Signing on behalf of the Trust any agreement or document not required to be executed as a deed.  The Trust Representative will have the authority to sign any agreement or document not required to be executed as a deed in relation to the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Project Agreement.
SO 11.1	•	
30 11.1	Chief Executive	Ensuring all Directors and employees, present and future, are notified of and understand the requirements of the Trust's Standing Orders.

#### **SECTION 7 – DELEGATION FROM STANDING FINANCIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

SFI REF	DELEGATED TO	AUTHORITIES/DUTIES DELEGATED
1.3.6	CE	Ensuring all Directors and employees, present and future, are notified of and understand the requirements of the Trust's Standing Financial Instructions.
1.3.9	CFO	Implementing the Trust's financial policies and coordinating corrective action and ensuring detailed financial procedures and systems are prepared and documented.
1.3.10	All Directors & Employees	Responsible for the security of the Trust's property, avoiding loss, exercising economy and efficiency in using resources and conforming to Standing Orders, Standing Financial Instructions, financial procedures and the Reservation of Powers to the Board and Detailed Scheme of Delegation.
1.3.9	CFO	Form and adequacy of financial records of all departments.
2.1.1	AUDIT COMMITTEE	Providing an independent and objective view on internal control and probity.
2.3	AUDIT COMMITTEE	Reviewing, appraising and reporting in accordance with the NHS Internal Audit Manual and best practice.
2.4	AUDIT COMMITTEE	Ensuring cost effective audit.
2.6	CFO	Investigating any suspected cases of fraud or other irregularity, in conjunction with the Counter Fraud Officer.
2.7	CE	Responsible for controlling and coordinating security.
3.1.2	CFO	Submitting budgets, monitoring performance against budget, submitting financial estimates and forecasts to the Board.
	FINANCE, INVESTMENT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE	The key purpose of the Finance, Investment and Performance Committee is to provide assurance to the Trust Board that key financial, contractual and investment issues are properly scrutinised.
3.2.1	CE	Delegating budgets to budget holders and submitting monitoring returns to the Independent Regulator.
3.3	CFO	Devising and maintaining systems of budgetary control.
4	CFO	Production of annual accounts and reports.
5	CFO	Banking arrangements.
6	CFO	Income systems.
6.5.5	CFO	Maximum cash that can be accepted in respect of a single or related linked transaction is £10,000

SFI REF	DELEGATED TO	AUTHORITIES/DUTIES DELEGATED
7.1	CFO	Negotiating contracts for the provision of patient services.
7.1	CFO	Authorise officers with power to negotiate contracts with commissioners of healthcare and other authorities.
7.6	CFO	Regular reports of actual and forecast contract income and expenditure.
8	CE	Tendering and Contract Procedure.
8.13	CE	Ensuring best value for money is demonstrated for all services provided under contract or in-house.
9	NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE	Making recommendations to the Board concerning remuneration and terms of service of Directors.
9.3	CE	Executive Appointments within establishment.
9.4	CPO and CFO	Payroll.
SFI 9.5	Trust Board	Authorise officers to enter into contracts of employment, re-grading staff, agency staff or consultancy service contracts.
10.1	CE	Delegate non-pay expenditure budgetary responsibilities for specific budgets to budget managers.
10.2.2	CFO	Payment of accounts in line with Trust payment terms
11	CFO	Advising the Board on borrowing and investment needs and preparing procedural instructions in relation to these areas.
12	CE/CFO	Capital investment programme.
12.1	CE/CFO	Monitoring the capital programme.
12.3	CE	Maintenance of asset registers.
12.4.1	CE	Overall responsibility for fixed assets.
12.4.4	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES	Responsibility for security of Trust assets including notifying discrepancies to CFO, and reporting losses in accordance with Trust procedures.
13.2	CFO	Responsibility for systems of control over stores and receipt of goods.
13.8	CE	Identifying persons authorised to requisition and accept goods from Supplies/Trust stores.
SFI 14	CFO	Determining any items to be disposed of by sale or negotiation.
14.1.1	CFO	Procedure for asset disposal and condemnations.

SFI REF	DELEGATED TO	AUTHORITIES/DUTIES DELEGATED
14.2	CFO	Preparing procedures for recording and accounting for losses and special payments, all frauds and informing the police in cases of suspected arson or theft, and where appropriate involving the Local Counter Fraud Office (LCFS).
15	CDIO	Responsibility for accuracy and security of computerised financial data.
16	CE	Responsibility for ensuring patients and guardians are informed about patients' money and property procedures on admission.
18	CE	Retention of document procedures.
19	CE	Risk management programme.
19.2	Trust Board	Insurance arrangements. See Standing Financial Instructions Section 19.
19.3	CFO	Risk Pooling arrangements.
19.4	CFO	Management of liabilities for taxation.

#### **SECTION 8 – OPERATIONAL SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Matters which have been delegated by the Board are set out below together with the levels to which they have been delegated. **Delegation to lower levels of authority may only be made with the approval of the Chief Finance**.

This delegation of authority will be enacted through the allocation of Budgets and Budget Responsibilities and Authorised Signatories Lists.

Where decisions that may have far reaching effect have been taken at the delegated level they should nevertheless be reported to the Chief Executive. All decisions relating to finance matters should also have regard to the Trust's Standing Financial Instructions and Standing Orders.

For the purposes of this Scheme of Delegation UK is defined as England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Channel Islands

All monetary limits include Value Added Tax (VAT).

Where more than one officer is listed, the use of the word "and" means that both individuals must authorise the action, whereas, if "or" is used, authorisation is required by only one of the individuals.

#### **SECTION 8 – OPERATIONAL SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
1. Management of Budgets		SFIs section 3
All revenue budgets will be allocated to a cost centre and all cost centres will have a named individual specified as budget holder		
Responsibility for keeping expenditure within budget.		
<ul><li>a) At individual budget level (Pay/Non-pay/Income)</li><li>b) At Service/Department level</li><li>c) For the totality of services covered by Chief Operating Officer or Functional Executive Director</li></ul>	Budget Holder Manager <b>or</b> Department Head Directors, Divisional Directors and Deputy Directors where applicable	
d) For any other areas	Board Director or CE	
1.1 Budget Virement		
<ul> <li>a) Virement within Cost Centres and Directorates from within approved revenue budgets – Recurrent and Non Recurrent.</li> <li>Up to £9,999</li> <li>From £10,000 to £19,999</li> </ul>	[All parties agreement required if transferring outside the scope of a single parties delegated authority] Budget Managers General Managers	SFIs section 3.2.6
From <b>£20,000</b> to <b>£49,999</b>	Divisional Directors	
From <b>£50,000</b> to <b>£99,999</b>	Directors and Executive Directors (Not CFO or CE)	
From £100,000 to £499,999	CFO	
Over £500,000 to £999,999	CE	
Over £1,000,000	Trust Board	

<ul> <li>b) Virement between Divisions from within approved revenue budgets – Recurrent and Non Recurrent.</li> <li>Limits as above (1.1 a)</li> </ul>	As above with agreement of both Divisions.	SFIs section 3.2.6
2. Maintenance and operation of bank accounts and facilities	CFO	SFIs Section 5
3.Requisitioning - Non-Pay expenditure / payment for goods and services.	[Always subject to sections 5 and 6, Quotations, tendering and contract procedures]	SFIs Section 10
3.1 Revenue goods and services	Rudget Managers (lower limits may be	
Authorisation & Approval of Purchase Requisitions and Supplier Invoices as follows:  Up to £9,999	Budget Managers (lower limits may be set for Budget managers by General Managers & Corporate equivalents as required. Where lower limits are set, sign off above the lower limit to £19,999 will fall to General Managers and Corporate Equivalents.	
These limits are aligned with the Authorised Signatories forms for each cost centre.	Authorised Signatory Forms may be used to delegate to specified officers below these levels.	
From <b>£10,000</b> to <b>£19,999</b>	General Managers & Corporate Equivalent	
From <b>£20,000</b> to <b>£49,999</b>	Divisional Directors and Corporate Directors	
From £50,000 to £99,999	Directors (Directly reporting to Exec Directors)	
From <b>£100,000</b> to <b>£149,999</b>	Any Executive Director	
From <b>£150,000</b> to <b>£249,999</b> 20	CFO or the CEO in the event of an emergency and the CFO is unavailable	

Finance Performance Group From £250.000 to £499.999 Trust Delivery Group From £500.000 to £1.499.999 Trust Board Over £1,500,000 Note: Where the total expenditure of the requisition is to be ordered against a contract which has otherwise been formally approved in accordance with SFI's (and the requisition is therefore in effect a "technical" device to allow progression to order stage e.g. as within the electronic procurement system), then in addition to the above, requisition approval up to the limit of the formally approved contract may be delegated to Associate Directors or Operation Managers. 3.2 Capital works Requisition Authorisation & Approval of Purchase Requisitions and Supplier Invoices as follows: Up to £49,999 Scheme Manager From £50,000 to £499,999 Head of Capital Projects From £500,000 to £999,999 Director of Operational Finance or The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or for the retained estate Director of Operational Finance and the From £1,000,000 to £1,999,999 Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Over £2,000,000

Management or for the retained estate

All the above limits are subject to the scheme budget having been approved in line with section 4d, and the expenditure being within the approved value.	Trust Representative/Deputy Trust Representative with delegated authority from the CFO or CEO when the costs are associated with the PFI. For Retained Estate - CFO or CEO	
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
<b>3.3 Business Case Approval</b> (Any genuine requirements for additional resource must follow the service development process for approval, please refer to the Trust intranet for guidance)		
Where the annual cost is: Up to £50,000	Divisional Director (subject to business case being cost neutral or cost saving and not impacting other divisions. Division must stay within the agreed divisional budget)	
Up to <b>£99,999</b>	Directors and Executive Directors	
From £100,000 to £ 499,999	Finance Performance Group	
From £500,000 to £1,499,999	Trust Delivery Group	
Over <b>£1,500,000</b>	Trust Board*	
	* Will be reviewed by Finance Performance	

4. Capital Schemes  a) Selection of architects, quantity surveyors, consultant engineers and other professional advisors via tender evaluation form	Group and Trust Delivery Group who will approve that it can be submitted to the Board for approval. Prior to going to Board, such cases would be taken to Finance and Investment Committee for them to review and obtain assurance that the business case is in line with the Trust's strategic objectives.  All business cases approved will be subject to outcomes/performance reviews by Finance Performance Group post implementation.	SFIs Section 12
Where the fee estimate is up to £25,000	Head of Capital Projects and reported to relevant committee (Medical Devices Group, IT Group or Estates Prioritisation and Steering Group)	
Where the fee estimate exceeds £25,000	The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for the retained estate with approval from the relevant committee (Medical Devices Group, IT Group or Estates Prioritisation and Steering Group)	
b) Financial monitoring and reporting on all capital scheme expenditure	CFO	
c) Disposal of land and buildings Up to £149,999	Estates Prioritisation and Steering Group and Reported to the Board	

#### From £150,000

d) Authorisation limits for capital expenditure projects

Up to £149,999

From £150,000 to £499,999

From £499,999 to £1,499,999

From £1,500,000

#### Trust Board

The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust
Representative for PFI related items or the Director of
Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy
Director of Estates and Facilities Management for
the retained estate with approval of the any 2 of
CFO CE/ Exec Director

The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust
Representative for PFI related items or the Director of
Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy
Director of Estates and Facilities Management for
the retained estate with approval from the relevant
committee (Medical Devices Group, Digital
Group or Estates and Combined Project
Committee or Finance Performance Group\*
(\*with capex committee chair approval)

The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust
Representative for PFI related items or the Director of
Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy
Director of Estates and Facilities Management for
the retained estate with approval of the Trust
Delivery Group\*\*

The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust
Representative for PFI related items or the Director of
Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy
Director of Estates and Facilities Management for
the retained estate with approval of the Trust
Board\*\*

\*\*All schemes should be approved at Capex committee and presented to SCOG. Prior to going to TDG and onto Board if value requires, Cases having been to Capex committee and

	SCOG should progress through FPG for approval and would be taken Finance Investment and Performance Committee for review and assurance the business case is in line with the Trust's strategic objectives.	
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
5. Quotations, tendering and contract procedures (Capital Projects)		SFIs Section 8
a) Obtaining 2 minimum competitive verbal quotations for goods/services/advisers up to £9,999	Head of Procurement or Head of Capital Projects or IT Projects Manager	
b) Obtaining 2 written quotations for goods/services from £10,000 to £24,999	Head of Procurement or Head of Capital Projects or IT Projects Manager	
c) Obtaining at least 3 written competitive tenders for goods and services in excess of £25,000	Head of Procurement or Head of Capital Projects or Associate Director of IMT	
d) Issuing formal tenders for goods/services in excess of the current UK limits	The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for the retained estate or Head of Procurement or Head of Capital Projects or Associate Director of IMT	
e) Procurement of Works	The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for the retained estate or Head of Procurement or Capital Projects Manager	
f) Approval of all contracts for goods/services via tender evaluation form / Trust Board report (with CAPEX approval)		
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Up to £10,000 (non works schemes)

From £10.000 to £249.999

From £250,000 to £999,999

The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for the retained estate or Head of Procurement

#### Non works schemes

**MDG** - Head of Procurement **and** Divisional Director/Chair of MDG **and** Director of Operational or Strategic Finance/Deputy Director of Finance.

**Digital –** Head of Procurement **and** Deputy Director of Digital

Works schemes The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for the retained estate

#### Non works schemes

MDG - Head of Procurement and Divisional Director/Chair of MDG and CFO

Digital - Head of Procurement and Deputy Director of Digital and CFO/CDIO

Works Schemes Director of
Operational/Strategic Finance or The Trust
Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for
PFI related items or the Director of Estates and
Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates
and Facilities Management for the retained estate

From <b>£1,000,000</b>	CFO or CEO	
g) Waiving of quotations and tenders subject to SFIs Less than £9,999 From £10,000 to £999,999  More than £1,000,000  h) Opening Tenders	CFO CFO and reported to the Audit Committee Trust Board  Officer designated by CE in accordance with Procurement Procedures	
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
<ul> <li>Signing of detailed contract documents for Capital Projects on behalf of the Trust, provided due process followed (Excluding PFI)</li> </ul>		
Non Works Schemes  Up to £499,999  Over £500,000  Works Schemes	Head of Procurement or IT Projects Manager  Any 2 of CE / CFO/ Exec Director /Director of Estates and Facilities Management/ /Director of Operational or Strategic Finance and Sealed in accordance with SOs	
Up to <b>£999,999</b> Over <b>£1,000,000</b>	Head of Capital Projects or Director of Estates and Facilities Management Any 2 of CE / CFO/ Exec Director /Director of Estates and Facilities Management/ /Director of Operational or Strategic Finance and Sealed in	
j) Contract Variation	accordance with SOs	

Up to 5% within Approved Sum	Director of Estates and Facilities  Management or Head of Capital Projects or Head of Procurement or Capital Projects or IT Projects Manager	
From 5% to 10%	1 of CE / CFO	
Over 10% or outside Approved Sum	Return to Standard Approval Process	

#### **DELEGATED MATTER**

#### **DELEGATED TO**

# REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

### 6.1 Procurement. TRUST LOCAL PROCESS (non framework)

SFI's Section 8

6.1a Procurement Process	
Up to £9,999	Best practice to obtain 2 informal quotations
£10,000 to £49,999	Minimum 2 quotations via e-Sourcing Portal
£50,000 - Current Procurement Threshold	Minimum 2 tenders via e-Sourcing Portal
Above Current Procurement Threshold	Advertise and follow formal tendering process as detailed in Public Contracts Regulations
6.1b Approval to Award Contract (following 1a)	
up £9,999	Head of Procurement
£10,000 - £249,999	Head of Procurement, Divisional Director and Director of Finance (or Deputy)
£250,000 - £499,999	Finance Performance Group
£500,000 - £1,499,999	Trust Delivery Group
£1,500,000 +	Trust Delivery Group and Trust Board if recommended

6.1c Approval to Waive Standing Financial Instructions (as 1a) and Award		
up £9,999	Head of Procurement	
£10,000 - £249,999	Head of Procurement and Director of Finance (or Deputy)	
£250,000 - £499,999	Finance Performance Group	
£500,000 - £1,499,999	Trust Delivery Group	
£1,500,000 +	Trust Delivery Group and Trust Board if recommended	
	Any approval above £10,000 will be reported to Audit Committee	
6.1d Signing of Awarded Contracts (following 1a & 1b OR 1c)		
up to £499,999	Head of Procurement	
£500,000 +	Chief Executive or any Executive Director	
6.1e Long contract terms - over 5 years regardless of value	Any contract over 5 years in length, should be subject to review by the CFO or their nominee, who will determine (regardless of value) whether an additional level of scrutiny is required (i.e. potentially moving the decision up to the next level of decision making)	

6.2 PROCUREMENT AGAINST A NATIONALLY CONTRACTED FRAMEWORK (excluding items ordered via NHS Supply Chai Catalogue)		
6.2a Procurement Process (Framework)		
Any value	Best practice obtain competition, follow specific framework requirements for mini competition or direct award	
6.2b Approval to Award (framework)		
up £249,999	Head of Procurement	
£250,000 - £499,999	Finance Performance Group	
£500,000 - £1,499,999	Trust Delivery Group	
£1,5000,000 +	Trust Delivery Group and Trust Board if recommended	
6.2c Signing of Awarded Contracts (following 2a and 2b)		
up to £499,999	Head of Procurement	
£500,000 +	Chief Executive or any Executive Director	

DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
7. Setting and annual review of fees and charges		SFI's section 6.2
a) Private patient, overseas visitors, income generation and other patient related services	CFO	
<ul><li>b) Negotiation and agreement of NHS income (including MPET and R &amp; D)</li></ul>	CFO and CPO or Medical Director or COO as appropriate	
8. Engagement of Consultants/advisors (Excluding Construction Related Projects)		
a) Non medical consultancy staff. Where aggregate commitment on any one project in any one year (or total commitment) is		
	Trust Delivery Group member	
Up to <b>£49,999</b> Over <b>£50,000</b>	Trust Delivery Group member, Trust Board to be informed	
b) Annual report on use of and projected use of non-medical consultants	CFO, presented to Finance and Investment Committee	
c) Engagement of Trust solicitors in accordance with the Trust legal framework	Any 2 members of Trust Delivery Group plus a NED - decision to be reported to Trust Board	
9. Engagement of Temporary Staffing		
a) Booking of Bank or Agency staff on framework (e.g. Medical locums, AHP's nursing, clerical)	General Manager/Divisional Director (All temporary staff must be booked via the Flexible Staffing Office)	

b) Booking of Agency staff (off framework)	Chief Executive or Executive Director On Call (All temporary staff must be booked via the Flexible Staffing Office)	
c) Change in approved number of nursing shifts to be filled by temporary staff	Change in nursing roster demand templates – Director of Nursing	
10. Property agreements, leases and licences		
a) Preparation and signature of all tenancy agreements or licences for all staff subject to Trust policy on accommodation for staff	CPO or CFO	
b) Entering into and termination of property leases or licences		
Annual rent up to £24,999	Any 1 of CE or CFO or Nominated Deputies	
Annual rent over £25,000	Any 2 of CE or CFO or Nominated Deputies	
	Any 2 of CE of CFO of Norminated Deputies	
c) Extension to existing leases	CFO and CE or Nominated Deputies	
d) Approval of rent for all properties after professional assessment	CFO and CE or Nominated Deputies	

DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
11. Condemning and disposal Items obsolete, obsolescent, redundant, irreparable or that cannot be repaired cost effectively	With approval to scrap from either Estates or Capital Projects or Medical Engineering or IT or pharmacy or Supplies as appropriate	SFIs Section 14.1
a) General Donation of all obsolete capital and revenue items for charitable or other non NHS purposes	CE	
b) Revenue items originally costing		
Up to <b>£999</b>	General/Budget Manager	
From £1,000 to £9,999 From £10,000 to £24,999	Divisional Director  Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance	
From <b>£25,000</b> to <b>£49,999</b>	CFO	
Over <b>£50,000</b>	Trust Board - minuted decision	
c) Items bearing a capital asset number with a book value		
Up to <b>£9,999</b>	CFO	
From £10,000 to £49,999	CE and CFO	
Over <b>£50,000</b>	Trust Board - minuted decision	
12. Losses, write-offs and compensation		SFIs Section 14.2
a) Cash and other losses due to theft, fraud, overpayments and other causes		
Up to <b>£999</b>	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance	
£1,000 to £1,999	CFO reported to the Audit Committee	
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From <b>£2,000</b> to <b>£4,999</b> Over <b>£5,000</b>	Audit Committee Trust Board - minuted decision	
b) Fruitless payments (including abandoned Capital Schemes)		
Up to <b>£49,999</b>	Audit Committee	
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
Over <b>£50,000</b>	Trust Board	
c) Bad Debts, claims abandoned and write off of private patient, overseas visitor and other debts		
Individual debts up to £2,499	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance	
Individual debts from £2,500 to £4,999	CFO	
Individual debts from £5,000 to £49,999	Audit Committee, reported to the Board	
Individual debts over £50,000	Trust Board - minuted decision	
Ex Gratia Payments (Excluding Staff)		
d) Damage to buildings, fittings, furniture and equipment and loss of equipment and property in stores and in use due to culpable causes (e.g. fraud, theft, arson) or other.		
Individual debts up to £2,499	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance	
From <b>£2,500</b> to <b>£4,999</b>	CFO	
From £5,000 to £49,999	Audit Committee	
Over <b>£50,000</b>	Trust Board	
e) To patients for loss of or damage to personal effects		

Up to £999 From £1,000 to £2,499	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance CFO	
From <b>£2,500</b> to <b>£9,999</b> Over <b>£10,000</b>	CE Trust Board - minuted decision	
f) For clinical negligence (negotiated settlements)	See legal framework	
g) For personal injury claims involving negligence where legal advice has been obtained and guidance applied.	See legal framework	
h) Other, except cases of maladministration, where there was no financial loss by claimant	CE and CFO - Reported to the Audit Committee	
i) Cancellation of NHS debtors		
		DEFEDENCE
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
Up to £99,999	DELEGATED TO  Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance	_
	Director of Operational Finance and Director of	_
Up to <b>£99,999</b>	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance	_
Up to <b>£99,999</b> Up to <b>£249,999</b>	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance CFO	_
Up to £99,999  Up to £249,999  From £250,000  13. Reporting of incidents to the Police	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance CFO	_

c) Where a fraud is involved	CFO	
14. Reporting Security incidents	All members of staff	
15.Petty cash disbursements		SFIs Section 10.5
Expenditure up to £49 per claim	In accordance with financial procedures petty cash holder or cashier's office	10.0
Expenditure above £50	Cashiers offices approved by CFO or Operational Director of Finance or Deputy Director of Finance – Financial Services	
16.Implementation of Internal and External Audit recommendations		SFIs Section 2
Financial issues	CFO and reported to Audit Committee	
Other issues	Appropriate Trust Delivery Group member and reported to Audit Committee	
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
17. Maintenance and updating of Trust Financial Procedures	CFO	SFIs Section 1.3.9
18. Investment of funds		
a) Exchequer Funds	CFO in accordance with Treasury Management Policy	SFIs Section 11.2
a) Exchequer Funds  19. Human Resources and pay (excluding staff covered by		11.2
a) Exchequer Funds  19. Human Resources and pay (excluding staff covered by remuneration committee)  a) Authority to fill funded post on the establishment with permanent	Management Policy  General Manager unless vacancy control in	11.2
a) Exchequer Funds  19. Human Resources and pay (excluding staff covered by remuneration committee)  a) Authority to fill funded post on the establishment with permanent staff	Management Policy  General Manager unless vacancy control in place  Divisional Director or Deputy Director in	11.2

e)	Approval to withhold increments from Consultant Medical staff	COO in consultation with Medical Director	
f) A	Approval to pay more than 10 Programmed Activities to consultants (PA's)	Divisional Director and Job Plans/Team Job Plans signed off by Divisional Medical Director	
g)	All requests for upgrading and regrading	CPO on advice from re-grading panel and in accordance with the Trust's procedure.	
h)	Establishments Additions to the agreed establishment with specifically identified recurrent finance	General Manager taking advice from Finance Business Partner and HR Business Partner	
	Authority to appoint staff to posts not on the formal establishment, but for which non recurrent funding has been identified	Divisional Director taking advice from Finance Business Partner and HR Business Partner	
	Additional staff to the agreed establishment without specifically allocated finance – over recruitment.	COO/CFO	
	DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
i)	DELEGATED MATTER Pay	DELEGATED TO	
i)		DELEGATED TO  Line Manager or Budget Holder (Specified on Authorised Signatories form for each Department)	
i)	Pay Authority to complete standing data forms effecting pay, new	Line Manager or Budget Holder (Specified on Authorised Signatories form for	

Authority to authorise air travel (see section 5.4 of the Trust Expenses Policy).	CFO or CPO	
Lease car approval	СРО	
Paid time off for Trade Union duties	Line Manager or Budget Holder	
Protection of earnings	Divisional Manager or Budget Holder, taking advice from Finance Business Partner and HR Business Partner	
j) Leave Approval of annual leave	Line Manager	
Approval of affilial leave	Line Manager	
Annual leave - approval of carry forward, up to a maximum of 5 days	Divisional Director	Whitley Council/Trust
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
Approval of leave and carry forward of leave for:	DELEGATED TO	
Approval of leave and carry forward of leave for:  ME members CE	CE Chair	
Approval of leave and carry forward of leave for:  ME members	CE	Conditions of Service/Annual
Approval of leave and carry forward of leave for:  ME members CE	CE Chair	Conditions of Service/Annual
Approval of leave and carry forward of leave for:  ME members CE Buy out of annual leave up to 5 days	CE Chair Divisional Director and CPO	Conditions of Service/Annual
Approval of leave and carry forward of leave for:  ME members CE Buy out of annual leave up to 5 days  Buy out of annual leave over 5 days	CE Chair Divisional Director and CPO Divisional Director and CPO	Conditions of Service/Annual

Carers leave up t	Divisional Director	
Leave without pay	Divisional Director	
Paid and unpaid "leave of absence" for medical staff	Divisional Director with recommendation from the Divisional Medical Director	
Time off in lieu	Line Manager	
Paid and unpaid maternity leave	Automatic approval within guidance	
k) Sick Leave		
Extension of sick leave on half pay for up to 3 months	Divisional Director with advice from CPO	
Return to work part time on full pay to assist recovery	Divisional Director with advice from CPO	
I) Study Leave		
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
Staff study leave outside the UK	CPO in addition to any other approval required	
Medical staff study leave within the UK	Divisional Director with recommendation from the Divisional Medical Director	
Medical staff study leave outside the UK	Medical Director with recommendation from the Divisional Medical Director	
All other study leave within the UK	General Manager	
m) Leave for public and other duties (Special leave) outside of policy	СРО	Special Leave Policy
n) Authorisation of payment for removal expenses, relocation expenses, excess rent and house purchases, incurred by officers taking up new appointments. Provided agreement was reached at	Divisional Director	Relocation expenses Policy

<ul> <li>o) Grievance Procedure</li> <li>Grievance cases must be dealt with strictly in accordance with the</li> <li>Grievance Procedure and the advice of a Divisional Human Resources</li> <li>Manager must be sought when grievance reaches the level of</li> <li>Associate Director.</li> <li>p) Authorised Car and Mobile Phone Users</li> </ul>	Divisional Director	Trust Grievance Procedure
Approval of new posts to be designated as car user posts	Divisional Director	
Approval for new posts to be designated with mobile telephone users and Other devices (E.g. I Pad, Blackberry etc) status	Divisional Director and Finance Business Partner	
q) Renewal of fixed term employment contract	Divisional Director with recommendation from the Divisional Medical Director and CPO	
r) Staff retirement policy	СРО	

DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
s) Redundancy, including costs where the decision impacts on		
One member of staff	Executive Management Team	
Up to 20 Members of Staff Over 20 Members of staff t) Ill health retirement	Trust Delivery Group Trust Board	
Decision to support retirement on the grounds of ill health  u) Dismissal	Divisional Director consulting with Occupational Health and CPO Dismissing Officers in accordance with HR policy	Disciplinary Procedures
v) Ex gratia payments to employees		
Up to <b>£30,000</b>	CE or CPO- to NHSI & Department of Health	
From £30,001 to £50,000	CE or CPO & CFO – to NHSI & Department of Health	
From £50,001 to £75,000	CE - to NHSE & Department of Health	
Over £75,001	Trust Board - to NHSE & Department of Health	
20. Authorisation of New Drugs within approved drugs budget	Divisional Market Division and Divisional	
Estimated yearly cost up to £24,999	Divisional Medical Director and Divisional Director	
Estimated yearly cost over £25,000	Drugs and Therapeutics Committee	
21. Authorisation of sponsorship deals (other than Research & Development)		
Involving medical staff All other staff	Trust Delivery Group Trust Delivery Group	
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
22. Authorisation of research projects and clinical trials Research	Clinical Director of R & D or Assistant	

	Deputy Director of R & D in their absence	
Financial arrangements	<ul> <li>Up to £100,000* in any one year the application can be approved by the Associate Director of Finance</li> <li>From £100,000 to £249,999* in any one year as above by the Director of Operational Finance</li> <li>From £250,000 to £499,999* in any one year as above the Finance Director approves</li> <li>Above £500,000* in any one year to Trust Delivery Group</li> <li>* Amount of grant funding that will be used to cover UHDB costs only not including co-investigator, external Clinical Trial Unit and site costs.</li> </ul>	
23. Authorisation of invoices for medical training posts agreed nationally to be held by one provider and charged to each Trust on a monthly basis		
Medical Director Office	MDO will endorse the arrangement still exists when entering the new financial year where the lead employer model is in place for medical training roles.	
Financial arrangements	Director of Operational Finance will authorise the monthly invoices once the Financial Management teams have confirmed the staff and the associate values are correct.	
24. Responsibility for Insurance Policies – Clinical - Commercial	Medical Director Trust Secretary	SFIs Section 19
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
25. Responsibility for Risk Management	CNO	SFIs Section 19
26. Patients and Relatives Complaints		

Overall responsibility for ensuring that all complaints are dealt with effectively	coo	
Responsibility for ensuring complaints relating to a Division are investigated thoroughly	Divisional Director	
Medico-Legal complaints, co ordination and management	CNO	
27. Relationships with the Press		
Condition Checks	CNO	
Non emergency general enquiries		
Within hours	Associate Director of Communications	
Outside hours	Executive Director On Call	
Emergency enquiries		
Within hours	Associate Director of Communications	
Outside hours	Executive Director On Call	
28. Infectious diseases and notifiable outbreaks	CNO	Infection Control Policy
28. Infectious diseases and notifiable outbreaks	CNO	
	CNO	
29. Extended Role Activities	CNO	
29. Extended Role Activities  Approval for staff to undertake duties or procedures which can	CNO  Quality and Performance Committee	
29. Extended Role Activities  Approval for staff to undertake duties or procedures which can properly be described as beyond the normal scope of their clinical		
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29. Extended Role Activities  Approval for staff to undertake duties or procedures which can properly be described as beyond the normal scope of their clinical practice  30. Patient Services  Variation of operating and clinic sessions within existing numbers Outpatients	Quality and Performance Committee  Divisional Director and Divisional Medical Director Divisional Director and Divisional Medical	Policy

All proposed changes in bed allocation and use Temporary change Permanent change	COO COO
Contract monitoring and reporting	CFO supported by COO
Approval of Consultant job plans	Divisional Directors.
31. Facilities for staff not employed by the Trust to gain practical experience Professional Recognition, Honorary Contracts and Insurance of Medical Staff	СРО
Work experience students or similar arrangements	General Manager with advice from HR Mgr
32. Review of Fire Precautions	CE and Nominated Officer Fire (NOF)
33.Review of all statutory compliance legislation and Health and	CNO & Director of Estates supported by CPO
Safety and Risk requirements including Control of Substances Hazardous to Health	
34.Review of compliance with Medicines Inspectorate Regulations	Chief Pharmacist
35. Review of compliance with environmental regulations, e.g. clean air and waste disposal	Director of Estates
36. Review of Trust's compliance with the Data Protection Act, Freedom of Information and related laws	CDIO
37. Enter into agreements and monitor proposals for Patient Treatment Service Level Agreements between the Trust and Other NHS bodies Private Health Bodies	CFO and COO CFO and COO
38. Review of the Trust's compliance with the Access to Records Act	CDIO
39.Review of the Trust's compliance with the Code of Practice for handling confidential information in the healthcare environment and compliance with Caldicott  a) Role of the Caldicott Guardian	Medical Director  Medical Director
a) Note of the Calulcott Guardian	MEGICAL DITECTOR

DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
40.Use of the Trust seal in accordance with Standing Orders	Document signed by Director of Finance, or nominated officer, and authorised and countersigned by either the Chief Executive or the Trust Secretary	
41. The keeping of a Register of Sealings	Trust Secretary	SOs Section 9
42. Management and control of computer systems and computer facilities and related Security issues	CDIO	
43.Responsibility for Corporate Governance	CE	
44.Responsibility for Clinical Governance	CNO & Medical Director	
### Senter into Joint Venture Agreements.  Where whole life cost is:  Up to £1,000,000  From £1,000,001 to £3,000,000  Over £3,000,001	CFO Trust Delivery Group Trust Board – NHSE – REID Regulations*  * Will be reviewed by Finance Performance Group and Trust Delivery Group who will approve that it can be submitted to the Board for approval. Prior to going to Board, such cases would be taken to Finance Investment and Performance Committee for them to review and obtain assurance that the business case is in line with the Trust's strategic objectives.  All cases approved will be subject to outcomes/performance reviews by Finance Performance Group post implementation	

46. Private Finance Initiative	
a) Validation of performance data supplied by the service provider	Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative
<ul> <li>b) Audit of service performance</li> <li>c) Ensuring that correct service penalties are applied where applicable</li> <li>d) Ensuring the correct level of indexation is applied on annual basis</li> <li>e) Contract variations</li></ul>	Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative  Trust Representative/Deputy Trust Representative with the approval of CFO & CE Trust Representative/Deputy Trust Representative with the approval of Trust Delivery Group  Trust Representative/Deputy Trust Representative with the approval of Trust Board*
f) Approval of design variation requests g) To undertake value for money assessment of all proposed service variations h) To ensure that Derby Health Care undertake market testing and / or benchmarking of soft FM services at specified dates within the concession period	The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for the retained estate with the approval of EPSG  The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for the retained estate Director of Estates & Director of Operational Finance  The Trust Representative or Deputy Trust Representative for PFI related items or the Director of Estates and Facilities Management or Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities Management for

	the retained estate  * Will be reviewed by Finance Performance Group and Trust Delivery Group who will approve that it can be submitted to the Board for approval. Prior to going to Board, such cases would be taken to Finance Investment and Performance Committee for them to review and obtain assurance that the business case is in line with the Trust's strategic objectives.  All cases approved will be subject to outcomes/performance reviews by Finance Performance Group post implementation.
47.MES (major infrastructure – on balance sheet)	
<ul> <li>a) Validation of performance data supplied by the service provider</li> <li>b) Audit of service performance</li> <li>c) Ensuring that correct service penalties are applied where applicable</li> <li>d) Ensuring the correct level of indexation is applied on annual basis</li> <li>e) Contract variations</li> </ul>	Head of Service Head of Service CFO CFO
Approval of variations with an annual revenue cost Up to £249,999	Director of Operational Finance and Director of Strategic Finance
From £250,000 to £499,999	CFO & CE
From £500,000 - £1,499,999 Above £1,500,000	Trust Delivery Group for approval. Prior to going to Board, such cases would be taken to Finance and Investment Committee for them to review and obtain assurance that the business case is in line with the Trust's strategic objectives. All cases approved will be subject to outcomes/performance reviews by Finance Performance Group post implementation.
f) Approval of design variation requests	Head of Service & Finance Business Partner

g) To undertake value for money assessment of all proposed service variations	Head of Service & Finance Business Partner	
DELEGATED MATTER	DELEGATED TO	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
48. Investment in the Trust's subsidiary company		
Up to <b>£499,999</b>	CFO	
From £500,000 - £1,499,999	Trust Delivery Group	
Above <b>£1,500,000</b>	Trust Board*	
All other sections of this scheme of delegation are deemed to apply to the Trust's wholly owned subsidiary company.	* Will be reviewed by Finance Performance Group and Trust Delivery Group who will approve that it can be submitted to the Board for approval. Prior to going to Board, such cases would be taken to Finance and Investment Committee for them to review and obtain assurance that the business case is in line with the Trust's strategic objectives.  All cases approved will be subject to outcomes/performance reviews by Finance Performance Group post implementation.	
49. Accepting Charges		

Receipting of Income	
	All employees must inform the Chief Finance Officer promptly of money due arising from transactions which they initiate/deal with, including all contracts, leases, tenancy agreements, private patient undertakings and other transactions. All invoices must be raised by the Finance Department, unless specifically agreed otherwise by the CFO.
50. Release of Property of Deceased Patients	The Trust may release if the following conditions are met:
Up to <b>£4,999</b>	Forms of indemnity are required
From £5,000	A letter of probate or a letter of administration is required

## **Appendix One**

## **DEFINITIONS**

- "Authorisation" means an authorisation, including its terms and any variation thereof, given by NHS Improvement;
- "Board" means the Board of the Trust;
- **"Budget"** means a resource, expressed in financial terms, proposed by the Board for the purpose of carrying out, for a specific period, any or all of the functions of the Trust;
- "Budget Holder" or "Budget Manager" means the director or employee with delegated authority to manage budgets (Income and Expenditure) for a specific area of the organisation;
- "CAPEX" means the Capital Expenditure Committees of the Board.
- "Chair" means the person appointed by the Council of Governors to Chair the Board of Directors to ensure that it successfully discharges its responsibility as a Trust;
- "Chief Executive" means the chief officer of the Trust:
- "Committee" means a committee of the Board;
- "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Board:
- "Council of Governors" means the council of governors of the Trust;
- "Executive Director" means a Director of the Trust who may also be an officer;
- "Finance, Investment and Performance Committee" means the Committee appointed by the Board to review the financial performance of the Trust;
- **"Foundation Trust"** means University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust;
- "Forecast" means an estimated outcome, usually expressed in financial terms, for the purpose of planning or refining plans for the carrying out of the functions of the Trust over some specified period;
- "Legal Adviser" means the properly qualified person appointed by the Trust to provide legal advice;
- "Nominated Officer" means an officer charged with the responsibility for discharging specific tasks within the SOs and SFIs of the Trust;
- "Non-Executive Director" means a Director of the Trust who is not an officer of 51

- the Trust and is not to be treated as an officer by virtue of the Membership and Procedure Regulations;
- "Officer" means employee of the Trust or any other person holding a paid appointment or office within the Trust;
- "Operational Manager" means an employee of the Trust to whom management for a number of budgets has been delegated. Operational Managers will normally delegate further to individual budget holders. This delegation will be identified on the authorised signatories form for each Cost Centre.
- "Other Auditors" auditors other than the auditor appointed pursuant to paragraph 23 of schedule 1 of the 2003 Act and whose functions are set out at schedule 5 of the Act;
- "Outside Bodies" are organisations, both NHS and non NHS, other than the Trust.
- "SFIs" means the Standing Financial Instructions of the Trust;
- "Senior Independent Director" means the Non-Executive Director appointed to carry out the duties of the Senior Independent Director
- "SOs" means the Standing Orders of the Trust;
- "Targets" means a specific measurable outcome, possibly financial, set by agreement of relevant parties for the purpose of focusing the allocation of resources in a desired direction;
- "Trust" means the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust:
- "Trust Representative/ Deputy Trust Representative" means the nominated person to act as a single point of contact for all Private Finance Initiatives Agreements (PFI) arrangements. They are responsible for enforcing the contractual obligations of the PFI, for monitoring all failures to comply with Service Level Specification and for levying penalties.
  - "Variance" means the difference, expressed either in absolute terms or as a ratio, between an actual for forecast outcome and a previous forecast or budgeted outcome;
  - "Virement" means the agreed transfer of money from one budget heading (income or expenditure) to another, within a financial year; and where the purpose for which the budget was allocated has materially changed.

## **Appendix Two**

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Term	Definition
AC	Audit Committee
CAPEX	The Capital Expenditure Committees of the Board
CE	Chief Executive
COO	Executive Chief Operating Officer
CFO	Executive Chief Financial Officer
CNO	Executive Chief Nurse
СРО	Executive Chief People Officer
GM	General Manager and Deputy Divisional Directors or Corporate Equivalent
DD	Divisional Directors
CDIO	Executive Chief Digital Information Officer
FBP	Finance Business Partner
FIPC	Finance, Investment and Performance Committee
Directors	All posts reporting to an Executive Directors
HSC	Health Service Circular
D of E	Director of Estates
HRBP	Human Resources Business Partner
LCFS	Local Counter Fraud Specialist
LTSA	Long Term Service Agreements
MES	Managed Equipment Service
NAO	National Audit Office
NED	Non-Executive Director
NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
NOF	Nominated Officer Fire
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
SFIs	Standing Financial Instructions
SID	Senior Independent Non-Executive Director
SO	Standing Orders
TDG	Trust Delivery Group