Paper Title: Update on Key Items of Discussion at Governance Committee

Recommendation:

That the Board note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Acute Services Committee of Tuesday 17th September 2019, as set out below.

Key Items of Discussion:

1. The Committee received an update on Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) and Royal Hospital for Children (RHC), and the actions underway to address previously identified issues in respect of Wards 2a and 2b of RHC and Ward 6a of QEUH.

2. The Committee noted an update on progress of the Internal Review of QEUH/RHC – Demand and Capacity Work stream and would expect the final report and action plan to be presented to the next Committee meeting in November. The Committee were pleased to note the major work streams of the North East of England Commissioning Team and the whole systems approach taken.

3. The Committee received the Finance Monitoring Report to Month 4, and noted expenditure levels £14m over budget at Month 4. The Committee were informed of a predicted financial gap of £29.8m at 31st March 2020 and noted the emerging financial pressures in year.
4. The Committee received the revised Patient Experience Report and noted the actions being undertaken to further improve performance. The Committee suggested the addition of an Executive Summary section to the report.