

Trust Board meeting 20 November 2008

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Subject	Foundation Trust - outcome of consultation			
Purpose of paper	To provide the Trust Board with a preliminary report on the outcome of the consultation held between June and September 2008			
Board Lead(s)	Mr Andrew Stevens, Director of Planning & Information			
Background papers (if any)	FT Consultation Document Integrated Business Plan (detailed paper on outcome of consultation to be included within IBP as Appendix 4)			
Action/decision required	To note issues arising from consultation on which further work required over the coming weeks as the work progresses			
Key purpose	<u>Strategy</u>	Assurance	<u>Policy</u>	Performance
Strategic Goal(s)	To be hospitals of choice (SG1) To be world-leading teaching hospitals and an AHSC (SG2) To achieve financial sustainability and long-term growth (SG3) To be an excellent employer (SG4)			
Strategic Objective(s)	All but in particular SO7 - To improve the overall patient experience by offering excellent customer care. SO8 - To develop the Trust's role as an academic health sciences centre of international standing. SO9 - To maximise the Trust's contribution to the health and wellbeing of the local community.			
Links to: Board Assurance Framework/ Trust Key Risks/Annual Health Check element(s)	Yes - failure to achieve FT status is included within the BAF and the Trust Key Risks.			
Also considered by	FT Steering Group			
Resource and financial impact	Not applicable directly			

<b>Consideration of legal/equality/diversity/engagement issues</b>	Consultation process was demonstrably inclusive and resulted in a significant number of responses.
<b>Acronyms and abbreviations used</b>	None.

### Introduction

1. As part of the Foundation Trust application process, ORH conducted a consultation process in accordance with legislative requirements. The consultation finished in September 2008. The process included the wide distribution of the public consultation document, followed by open public meetings and attendance by ORH representatives at a series of meetings arranged by stakeholders. As a result of the process a range of responses were received and full details of both ORH's activities and the responses are included within a more detailed paper to be annexed to the IBP in due course.
2. This paper highlights issues raised by key stakeholders on which further work will be done over the coming weeks as indicated in Board paper. These were as follows:
  - 2.1. Concerns from Oxfordshire PCT in relation to financial sustainability and strategic and clinical engagement.
  - 2.2. Concerns from the Local Medical Committee on the potential for the ORH as an FT to be less responsive to local needs and possible failure to manage expenditure.
  - 2.3. Concern from the University of Oxford about the viability of pursuing both FT and AHSC status at the same time.
  - 2.4. Concerns from local government bodies in North Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire on the proposals for membership of the new Council and the potential for an Oxford-centre Council. Concerns from these bodies on whether or not FT status would impact on the plans to meet the recommendations of the IRP for the Horton Hospital and its services.
3. Active work is now being done to address the above issues including further work on the Integrated Business Plan, the Long Term Financial Model and the governance arrangements, including the details of membership of the Council. Discussions are continuing with these key stakeholders and partners.
4. It is proposed that a detailed response to the consultation is brought back to the Trust Board in January 2009.

### Recommendation

5. The Board is asked to note the current position on consultation and to receive a more detailed paper for consideration in January 2009. In particular, the paper will include updated proposals on the governance arrangements for the FT, including membership of the Council.

Megan Turmezei  
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