

Report to Trust Board of Directors

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Title of Report:	Accountability Framework for NHS Trust Boards 2015/16
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Responsible Sub-Committee (if appropriate):	N/A
Executive Summary:	<p>The Trust Development Authority (TDA), on 2 April 2015, published a refreshed version of the Accountability Framework. The Framework sets out how the NHS TDA will work alongside Trusts to meet the very significant challenge of improving the quality and sustainability of services offered to patients. The Framework sits alongside the 2015/16 Planning Guidance and articulates in one place, the key policies and processes which govern the relationship between NHS Trusts and the TDA.</p> <p>The core aim underpinning the Accountability Framework remains the same: <i>to support NHS Trusts to progress towards delivering high quality care to patients, consistently and sustainably.</i> Key points of note for the Trust Board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The development offer from NHS TDA has been increased in order to provide a more comprehensive and structured approach to building capacity and capability in the NHS trust sector. ▪ There are a number of new indicators of quality which are being introduced to the oversight process. The primary aim in doing so is to enable a more rounded view of the quality of services they are providing. This is particularly true for non-acute trusts for which there had been historically been fewer metrics. A number of indicators have also been removed, for example, where data is not routinely collected.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The introduction of the <i>Well Led Framework</i> as the tool that the NHS TDA, Monitor and CQC will use to define, develop and assess the management, leadership and governance of NHS providers. <p>a) Oversight</p> <p>The overall approach to measuring and tracking remains the same. The Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance will amend the Performance Framework to match the TDA framework. This will provide better and consistent reporting.</p> <p>Support to trusts to become sustainable in the longer term remains the TDA goal. The degree of support to Trusts will be confirmed upon completion of the 15/16 planning process.</p> <p>b) Escalation and Intervention</p> <p>We remain in Special Measures until the Chief Inspector of Hospitals and TDA confirm the outcome of the CQC visit. This status comes with the highest levels of support.</p> <p>c) Development and Support</p> <p>A more structured approach to support and development is available and the Board should maximise both the short and longer term support. The Trust will work with the TDA on both short and long term support.</p> <p>Well led assessment will now be consistent by the TDA, CQC and Monitor.</p>
<p>Risk Rating (high, medium, low risk) and any recommended changes to risk rating:</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>Board Assurance Framework Reference:</p>	<p>All Strategic Priorities</p>

Compliance, legal and national policy regulatory requirements:	Compliance with Accountability Framework 2015/16	
Financial Implications:	N/A	
Actions required by the Board:	To approve:	Discussion and decision
	To note:	Where the Board is made aware of key points but no decision required
	For information:	For reading and consideration and for discussion by exception only
	The Board is requested to note the revised Accountability Framework.	
Data quality:	Source:	Mr R Alexander, CEO Designate, TDA
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