

Meeting frontispiece Governing Body

Summary sheet

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For: Information

Agenda item: Finance and performance committee chairs update

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Executive summary

Finance report

The committee received the finance report and noted that in addition to the comments that £400k had been committed to Cornwall Hospice Care in recognition of their financial constraints during the pandemic and £167,000 to SWAST for additional capacity.

Financial Planning

As guidance has only recently been released and the national financial modelling for the first half year (H1) was based upon quarter 3 Spend (when many elements of costs were running below current spend levels) there was significant work still to be done and agreed and developed with our partners in the ICS.

It was recognised this placed considerable pressure on the finance team at the same time as closure of the financial accounts for 2020/21. It did however address the funding for a number of pandemic period developments, such as think 111, CATUs and CCCs, to continue into H1. It would be important however to undertake the cost benefit analysis of these projects in Q1 to ensure sufficient lead time was available should any of them need to be terminated or reconfigured. It was therefore essential that there was co-operative work across the 3 NHS organisations and the council to achieve this and submit the plan by the 6 May 2021.

It was noted that the delayed financial and contracting guidance for H1 had made it difficult to set a formal CCG budget from 1 April 2021. Financial commitments would

continue to be supported at current spend levels in the short term (subject to any appropriate inflationary uplifts) until a re-assessed position can be presented, as part of the 2021/22 H1 plan development, at the April Finance Committee.

Commissioning Policies

The committee approved 2 commissioning policies

- Insertion of grommets for Otitis media with effusion (glue ear)
- Replacement hearing aids.

Recommendations and specific action the Governing Body needs to take at the meeting

The committee is asked to:

1. Note the report set out above
2. Receive a further update in May 2021