

Meeting:	Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Board of Directors
Date:	30th November 2015
Board Sponsor:	Spencer Prosser, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject:	Finance Report – Month 7

Executive Summary - Financial Performance

The Trust is reporting a £23.1m year to date deficit at the end of October 2015; this is £5.7m behind the phasing of the revised Trust Development Authority (TDA) stretch target deficit of £16.7m. The Trust is forecasting £27m deficit for the full year. There are significant risks to delivering financial performance however there is financial recovery processes in place with a number of detailed actions to mitigate these risks. This process is overseen by the Interim Turnaround Director who leads the Operational Support Unit. The work is supported and sponsored by the by the Executive Team. A number of actions have already occurred yielding in significant reductions in spend levels e.g. Nursing Agency. The year to date position reflects the Trusts assessment of activity and income levels delivered for the year to date positions. The Trust has shared the forecast income position with Commissioners and these have informed the discussions. The Trust had agreed Payment by Results (PbR) contracts with both Local Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England.

Links to corporate objectives	The report supports the objective of <i>high productivity</i>
Identified risks and risk management actions	Trust's elective activity is behind plan. The efficiency programme requires focus, particularly with a number of schemes scheduled to start in the latter part of the year. The early efficiency programme slippage needs to be recovered and we have work in place to address this. Spending on temporary staffing in the booking hub, medical & nursing staffing, and the contract for hotel services require tighter control. The Trust is also reviewing its locum rates and pursuing overseas nursing recruitment in order to mitigate increasing staffing costs
Resource implications	As detailed in the report.
Report history	Standard monthly report.
Appendices	Financial Performance Month 7

Action required by the Board

The Board is asked to note the Month 7 position and the planned actions in response to current financial performance.