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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Board of Directors</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>26th January 2017</b>
<b>Board Sponsor:</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Paper Author:</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Western Sussex Partnership Arrangement</b>

## **Executive summary**

In November, the Trust, NHS Improvement and Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WSHFT) agreed an interim arrangement in order to develop a longer term arrangement between the 2 Trusts. This will involve the Chairman, Chief Executive and Executive Team of WSHFT leading BSUH from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The transition to this arrangement will be overseen by an Improvement Oversight Group which was established in December and will oversee the development of the long-term arrangement between the 2 Trusts. This meeting is chaired by WSHFT and NHS Improvement. The Trust has facilitated a range of meetings between the WSHFT Executive Team and BSUH clinical and managerial staff in preparation for the new arrangement and as part of the WSHFT due diligence.

The Trust is aware that concerns were expressed at the Brighton and Hove HOSC meeting in December, regarding local accountability in the new arrangements and the Trust will continue to work with WSHFT and NHSI to ensure that the new arrangements are consistent with good governance and local accountability.

The BSUH Board also has a responsibility to ensure that it has independent assurance regarding the new arrangements and the Board is asked to approve the early commissioning of external advice in this regard.

## **Action required by the Board**

The Board is asked to approve the commissioning of external advice in respect of the arrangements for the future governance of the Trust

<b>Links to corporate objectives</b>	The Trust Board is required to ensure that the new arrangement is founded on good corporate governance
<b>Identified</b>	The Trust will work with NHSI and WSHFT to clarify the

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<b>risks and risk management actions</b>	arrangements following 1 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Resource implications</b>	There will be limited resource implications in securing the advice required
<b>Report history</b>	A report on the interim management arrangements was made to the Board on 8 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Appendices</b>	None