

**Chair's Report: Quality and Finance Committee**

Date of Meeting	23 July 2015
Chair	David Booker

Areas of note from the Committee Discussion

The Chairman advised that, due to the currently challenging financial situation, the planned agenda had been changed and several items deferred.

The members reviewed the following:

The Quality and Performance Assurance Report - and made recommendations to improve analysis and be more concise.

The System Recovery Plan - and it was concluded that action owner names were required from lead organisations but noted concerns about the viability of the proposed outcomes.

The Finance Activity and QIPP Schemes – and noted with concern that adverse conditions in past months had created a potential financial challenge of £19.5m, with a probability of £15m. A £2.7m gap would remain if all contingencies, mitigations and risks continued as planned. A special meeting of the Committee may be required to review progress. NHS England are monitoring and may consider 'Special Measures' if the recovery plan is not approved. It was noted that this is a wider systems issue than the CCG alone.

The Safeguarding Adults Report – gave assurance to the Committee that plans were in place to meet new legal requirements.

The Better Care Fund dashboard – assurance and clarification was sought that the projected savings would materialise. Members requested more concise measurement in conjunction with other partners. Concern was noted re delivery of schemes as predicted.

System Resilience Group – a number of schemes were approved and one terminated.

Commissioning Support intentions – reviewed and risks noted.

## **Areas of escalation**

Need for both a CCG and system wide approach to the financial pressures.

Potential for an additional meeting to be arranged.

A formal financial control assessment needs to be completed and a draft submitted to NHS England by the end of August. However, Audit Committee involvement and approval is also required, which will be done at the September meeting. A final version will then be submitted.

## **Urgent Decisions Required / Changes to the Forward Plan**

Recommendations for future agenda items at the Governing Body as a result of discussion at Committee.

The Governing Body should keep the current financial position under active review to ensure the confidence of NHS England.