

**Reservation of Powers to the Board**

**and**

**Scheme of Delegation**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1.1 The Code of Accountability for NHS Boards and NHSEI's Foundation Trust Code of Governance requires that there should be a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved to the Board. The purpose of this document is to define those powers specifically reserved to the Board. However, the Board remains accountable for all of its functions, including those delegated to the Chairman, Chief Executive and Board members, and will therefore receive information about the exercise of delegated functions to enable it to maintain a monitoring role.
- 1.1.2 All powers of the Foundation Trust which have not been retained as reserved by the Board or delegated to a committee shall be exercised on behalf of the Board by the Chief Executive. The Scheme of Delegation identifies any functions which the Chief Executive shall perform personally and those which are delegated to other Board members and officers. All powers delegated by the Chief Executive can be re-assured by him/her should the need arise.
- 1.1.3 In the absence of the Chief Executive the powers delegated to him/her may be exercised by the Chairman after having consulted at least two non-Executive Directors.

## 2. Governors' Legal Responsibilities

- 2.1.1 The Foundation Trust has a body of elected individuals that make up the Council of Governors. Governors have a number of legal rights and responsibilities. These include:
- the appointment or dismissal of the Chairman and non-Executive Directors
  - the approval of the appointment of the Chief Executive at a general meeting the Council of Governors will:
    - receive the annual accounts, annual report, quality report and annual audit letter from the external auditors
    - approve the remuneration and allowances and other terms and conditions of the office of the Chairman and non-Executive Directors
    - appoint or replace the Foundation Trust's auditor at a general meeting
  - providing the views of the Council of Governors to the Board for the purposes of the preparation by the Board of the document containing information as to the Foundation Trust's forward planning in respect of each Financial Year to be given to NHSE
  - receiving and considering the views of the Members on matters of significance to the future plans of the Foundation Trust

- approval of any amendments to the Constitution
- hold the non-Executive Directors individually and collectively to account for the performance of the Board of Directors
- represent the interests of the NHS Foundation Trust members and the public served by the Foundation Trust
- approving significant transactions that fall within the definition
- appointment and removal of the External Auditors
- approval of the increase in non-NHS income where it is 5% or more in any one year

2.1.2 A 'Council of Governors Engagement Policy' is in place for those circumstances where the council has concerns about the performance of the Board of Directors, compliance with the provider licence, or other matters related to the general wellbeing of the NHS Foundation Trust.

### **3. Reservation of Powers to the Board**

#### **3.1 General Enabling Provision**

3.1.1 The Board may determine any matter (for which it has delegated or statutory authority) it wishes in full session within its statutory powers.

3.1.2 Powers are reserved to the Board to:

#### **3.2 Regulation and Control**

3.2.1 Approval, suspension, variation or amendment of Standing Orders, Reservation of Powers and Scheme of Delegation and Standing Financial Instructions for the regulation of its proceedings and business.

3.2.2 Approve a Scheme of Delegation of powers from the Board to Committees or Officers.

3.2.3 Require and receive the declarations of Board members' interests which may conflict with those of the Foundation Trust and determine the extent to which a Board member may remain involved with the matter under consideration.

3.2.4 Require and receive the declarations of interests from Officers which may conflict with those of the Foundation Trust.

- 3.2.5 Appoint, appraise, discipline and dismiss executive directors (subject to SO 2.6 and section 7 of the Constitution). Discipline Board members who are in breach of statutory requirements or SOs.
- 3.2.6 Approve arrangements for dealing with complaints.
- 3.2.7 Adopt the organisational structures, processes and procedures to facilitate the discharge of business by the Foundation Trust and agree modifications thereto.
- 3.2.8 Ratify any urgent decisions taken by the Chairman (and Chief Executive) in accordance with SO 4.2.
- 3.2.9 Approve arrangements relating to the discharge of the Foundation Trust's responsibilities as a corporate trustee for funds held on trust.
- 3.2.10 Approve the Foundation Trust's Major Incident Plan.
- 3.2.11 Approve arrangements relating to the discharge of the Foundation Trust's responsibilities as a bailer for patients' property.
- 3.2.12 Approve proposals for action on litigation against or on behalf of the Foundation Trust.

### **3.3 Appointments**

- 3.3.1 Appoint and dismiss Board Committees.
- 3.3.2 Establish terms of reference and reporting arrangements for Board Committees.
- 3.3.3 Appoint members of all Board Committees.
- 3.3.4 Receive reports from all Board Committees and take appropriate action on these.
- 3.3.5 Confirm the recommendations of Board Committees where the committees do not have executive powers.
- 3.3.6 Appointment of the Vice Chairman.
- 3.3.7 Appointment of any representative body outside the organisation.

### **3.4 Strategy, Business Plans and Budgets**

- 3.4.1 Define the strategic aims and objectives of the Foundation Trust.
- 3.4.2 Approve annually revenue and capital budgets.

- 3.4.3 Approve and monitor the Foundation Trust's policies and procedures for the management of risk.
- 3.4.4 Ratify proposals for the acquisition, disposal or change of use of land and/or buildings (subject to meeting the requirements set by Monitor in the Foundation Trust's Provider Licence).
- 3.4.5 Approve proposals for ensuring quality and developing clinical governance in services provided by the Foundation Trust.
- 3.4.6 Approve proposals for ensuring equality and diversity in both employment and the delivery of services.
- 3.4.7 Approve the Foundation Trust's investment policy and authorise institutions with which temporary cash surpluses may be held.
- 3.4.8 Approve the Foundation Trust's borrowing policy, which will include other long- term financing arrangements such as leases.
- 3.4.9 Authorise any necessary variations to total budget spends of capital schemes of more than 20% or £500,000, whichever is greater. Authorise any increase in the total capital programme.

### **3.5 Financial and Performance Reporting Arrangements**

- 3.5.1 Continuously appraise the affairs of the Foundation Trust by means of the receipt of reports as it sees fit from Board members, committees, and officers of the Foundation Trust as set out in management policy statements. All monitoring returns required by NHSEI and the Charity Commission shall be reported, at least in summary, to the Foundation Trust.
- 3.5.2 Approve the opening and closing of all bank and investment accounts.
- 3.5.3 Consider and approve the Foundation Trust's Annual Report, including the annual accounts, prior to submission to the Council of Governors.
- 3.5.4 Receive and approve the annual report(s) for funds held on trust.
- 3.5.5 Receive reports from the Director of Finance on financial performance against budget and annual business plan.

### **3.6 Audit Arrangements**

- 3.6.1 Receive reports of Audit Committee meetings and take appropriate action.
- 3.6.2 Receive the annual management letter from the external auditor and agree action on the recommendation where appropriate of the Audit Committee.

## 4. Reservation of Powers to the Board and Scheme of Delegation

4.1.1 The following delegation table below provides a framework for decision making responsibilities within the Foundation Trust. Directors are responsible for ensuring that all staff operates within the Scheme of Delegation and in accordance with Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions. The Scheme of Delegation identifies the lowest level to which a particular responsibility may be delegated. There is no requirement for Directors to delegate to this level.

4.1.2 The levels of management/delegation referred to in this scheme are as follows:

- Chief Executive (In the absence of the Chief Executive, urgent matters may be dealt with by the Deputy Chief Executive).
- Director of Finance (In the absence of the Director of Finance, urgent matters may be dealt with by the Deputy/Assistant Director of Finance)
- Other Executive Directors
- the Foundation Trust Secretary
- Relevant General Managers

4.1.3 It is for Executive Directors to identify within their directorate those officers whom they wish to authorise (Authorised Signatories) to exercise delegated authority within this Scheme of Delegation. The Finance Department maintain a register of authorised signatories and will require sample signatures to support the register. Forms for this purpose of registering authorised signatories are available from the Financial Management section staff within the Finance Directorate.



SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
<b>4.1 Delegation of budgets and approval to spend funds</b>		
SFI 3.1.1	Annual Business Plan	The Board
SFI 3.3	Budgetary Control	Director of Finance
SFI 8.3	Approval of new staff appointments and re-grading	Director of Human Resources
SFI 8.4	Approval of pay expenditure (staff timesheets)	General Manager, Executive Director, Director of Estates and Facilities, Director of Pharmacy, Director of Research
	Approval of business cases seeking additional revenue internal funding (excluding Research and Development).	
	Up to £1,000,000 (in year costs)	Planning Committee and Executive Management Team
	Over £1,000,001 (in year costs)	Board of Directors
SFI 9.1	Authorisation of requisitions/invoices for non-pay expenditure: NB. The relevant Executive Director and the Director of Finance will determine and agree appropriate values for further delegation.	
	Up to £5,000	Ward Manager Service Manager
	Over £5,000 up to £25,000	Matron Deputy General Manager
	Over £25,000 up to £50,000	Deputy Director of Nursing Senior General Manager

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
		General Manager
	Over £50,000 up to £75,000	CSU Clinical Director
	Over £75,000 up to £100,000	Deputy Director of Estates Deputy Director of Operations Director of Nursing
	Over £100,000 up to £150,000	Executive Directors Deputy Chief Operating Officer Deputy Director of Finance
	Over £150,000 up to £250,000	Chief Operating Officer
	Over £250,000 up to £500,000	Director of Finance
	Over £500,000 up to £1,000,000	Director of Finance and Chief Executive
	Over £1,000,000	Board of Directors
	Non-pay expenditure for which no specific budget has been set within delegated budget plans.	Chief Executive or Director of Finance
	Approval of routine expenses claims	Line Manager
SFI 9.2.4	Pre-payments	
	Up to £10,000	Finance Manager
	Over £10,000 up to £100,000	Assistant Director of Finance
	Over £100,000 up to £250,000	Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy Director of Finance
	Over £250,000	Deputy Director of Finance and Director of Finance

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
<b>4.2 Operation of all detailed financial matters</b>		
SFI 5	Approve the opening, closing and management of all bank and investment accounts.	Director of Finance
SFI 8.4	Payroll	Director of Finance
SFI 9.2.2 & 9.2.3	Purchase ledger/creditor payments	Director of Finance
SFI 9.2.6 (k) & (l)	Petty cash and purchase card	Director of Finance
	Debtors	Director of Finance
	Treasury management	Director of Finance
<b>4.3 Income Systems</b>		
SFI 6	System design, prompt banking, review and approval of fees and charges, debt recovery arrangements, design and control of receipts, for provision of adequate facilities and systems for employees whose duties include collecting or holding cash.	Director of Finance
<b>4.4 Annual capital / finance lease programme and capital / finance lease expenditure proposals</b>		
SFI 11	Approval of Capital and Finance Lease Programme	Capital Strategy Group and Board of Directors
SFI 11.1 – 11.1.9	<p>Total budget spend of each capital and finance lease scheme may be varied by £500,000, subject to capital programme remaining within budget.</p> <p>Total budget spend of each capital and finance lease scheme may be varied by £1,000,000, subject to capital programme remaining within budget.</p> <p>A business case is required for capital and finance lease expenditure</p>	<p>Director of Finance</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Relevant General Manager</p>

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	<p>proposals of value over £500,000 (excluding VAT) where this is related to the replacement of existing assets.</p> <p>For the new items the Foundation Trust' Service Development Guidelines <u>must</u> be followed.</p>	
4.5 Capital Approval		
	<p>Replacement of existing capital assets</p> <p>Up to £150,000 (excluding VAT)</p> <p>Over £150,001</p>	<p>Capital Operational Group</p> <p>Capital Strategy Group</p>
4.6 Arrangements for the management of land, buildings and other assets belonging to or leased by the Foundation Trust		
SFI 11.3-5	Physical management and maintenance of assets including notifying discrepancies to Director of Finance, and reporting losses in accordance with Trust procedure.	
	Land and buildings.	Director of Estates and Facilities.
	Equipment.	Relevant General Manager.
	Asset register and capital charges.	Director of Finance.
4.7 Management and control of stocks		
SFI 12	Theatres.	General Manager
	Pharmacy	Director of Pharmacy
	Estates	Director of Estates

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	Other stocks.	Relevant General Manager.
<b>4.8 Recording, monitoring and approval of payments under the losses and special payments regulations</b>		
SFI 13.2	Monitoring and approval of losses and special payments.	Chief Executive and Director of Finance
	Accounting for losses and special payments.	Director of Finance.
	General Administration.	Relevant General Manager.
	Write-offs NB. Written reports on write-offs are provided to the Audit Committee.	
	Drugs Up to £5,000 Over £5,000	Director of Pharmacy Director of Finance
	Other items Up to £10,000 Over £10,001 up to £50,000 Over £50,001 up to £100,000 Over £100,001	Divisional Clinical Director Director of Finance Director of Finance and Chief Executive Board of Directors
	Cash losses and bad debts: NB. A bad debt write-off for these purposes is the writing off of any income due to the Foundation Trust, whether or not invoices – it does not include adjustments relating to invoices raised in error. These write-offs once agreed will impact on individual budgets – there is no central provision. If the budget holder does not agree to a write-off being charged to their budget, this should be escalated to the Director of Finance.	

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	NB. Written reports on write-offs are provided to the Audit Committee.	
	Up to £500	Credit Income Manager
	Over £501 up to £5,000	Deputy Director of Finance
	Over £5,001 up to £10,000	Director of Finance
	Over £10,001	Chief Executive and Director of Finance
	<b>Overpayment of Staff Salaries</b>  There is the expectation that any overpayment of salary to staff or leavers will be fully recovered.	
	Up to £10,000	Director of Finance
	Over £10,001	The Board
	<b>Losses of equipment and property:</b>  NB. These write-offs once agreed will impact on individual budgets – there is no central provision. NB. Written reports on write-offs are provided to the Audit Committee.	
	Up to £10,000	Director of Finance

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	Over £10,001	The Board
SFI 18	Claim	
	Clinical negligence/personal injury	
	All payments over the relevant excess (zero for clinical negligence, £3,000 for employer's liability and £10,000 for public liability) are approved and made directly by the NHS Litigation Authority – however, the NHSLA still requires the agreement of the Foundation Trust for all admissions.	NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA) and Chief Executive or Divisional Clinical Director
	Claims settled without legal advice:	
	Total costs, including damages, claimant and defence costs up to £10,000	Claims Manager
	Over £10,001 up to £50,000	Any two of: Claims Manager, Medical Director, Director of Finance or Deputy Chief Executive
	Over £50,001	Claims Management Group, Director of Finance and Chief Executive
	Negotiated settlements with legal advice (i.e. out of court settlements):	
	Total costs up to £100,000	Claims Manager and Director of Finance
	Over £100,001	Claims Management Group and Chief Executive

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	Payments made under full legal obligation:	
	Total cost approved by the NHSLA	Claims Manager and reported to Claims Management Group
	Other Claims (not clinical negligence/personal injury):	
	Compensation claims arising out of legal action	Such payments may require NHSEI and HM Treasury approval. Advice should be obtained from Director of Human Resources or Trust Secretary.
	Up to £50,000	Director of Finance
	Over £50,001	The Board
	Extra-contractual payments to contractors; other compensatory payments:	
	Up to £5,000	Director of Finance
	Over £5,001	The Board
SFI 18	Complaints	
	Ex-gratia payments made in respect of complaints	
	Up to £1,000	Relevant General Manager with notification to Claims Manager



SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	Over £1,001 up to £5,000	Relevant General Manager and Claims Manager
	Over £5,001	The Board
<b>4.9 Disposal of a deceased patients' property:</b>		
SFI 15.5	Property value up to £5,000:	
	Cash up to £100 and all valuables may be released to relatives who sign form of indemnity.	Deputy/Assistant Director of Finance
	Cash over £100 may be released by cheque together with all valuables to relatives who sign a form of indemnity.	Deputy/Assistant Director of Finance
	Property value over £5,000:	
	Cash over £100 may be released by cheque together with all valuable on production of probate letters or administration.	Director of Finance
<b>4.10 Management of non-exchequer funds</b>		
SFI 16	Charitable Funds	
	Approval of expenditure	
	Up to £500	Fund Holder
	Over £501 up to £10,000	General Manager, Patient Services Manager and Director of Finance
	Over £10,001 up to £50,000	Director of Finance and Chief Executive

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	Over £50,001 to £100,000	Chief Executive, Chairman and Director of Finance
	Over £100,001	Bradford Hospitals Charity Committee
	Financial administration	Director of Finance
	General administration	Charity Director
	<b>Patients' Monies</b>	
	Nursing	Chief Nurse
	Financial administration	Director of Finance
<b>4.11 Insurance Arrangements</b>		
SFI 18.3	Ensure that insurance arrangements exist in accordance with the risk management programme.	Director of Finance
<b>4.12 Non-Clinical Risk Management</b>		
SFI 18	Ensure that Foundation Trust has a programme of risk management in place.	Chief Executive
<b>4.13 Business Conduct and Hospitality</b>		
SFI 20	Ensure staff members are aware of the Foundation Trust Policy on acceptance of gifts and Standards of Business Conduct for NHS Staff in accordance with the Standing Orders and Financial Instructions.	Foundation Trust Secretary

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
<b>4.14 Tendering and Contracting (including Grants and Contract Execution)</b> (Aggregate contact value, including extensions and VAT)		
SFI 21	less than £15,000	General Manager or Budget Holder (minimum Band 8a)
	Over £15,000 to £138,760	Strategic Head of Procurement (all contracts) Director of Estates and Facilities (Estates & Facilities contracts) Director of Pharmacy (Pharmacy contracts) Director of Research (Research contracts and grants)
	Over £138,761 to £250,000	Strategic Head of Procurement (all contracts) Director of Estates and Facilities (Estates & Facilities contracts) Director of Pharmacy (Pharmacy contracts) Director of Research (Research contracts and grants)  AND Deputy Director of Finance
	Over £250,001 to £1,000,000	Strategic Head of Procurement (all contracts) Director of Estates and Facilities (Estates & Facilities contracts) Director of Pharmacy (Pharmacy contracts) Director of Research (Research contracts and grants)  AND Director of Finance

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
	Over £1,000,001 to £2,000,000	<p>Strategic Head of Procurement (all contracts)</p> <p>Director of Estates and Facilities (Estates &amp; Facilities contracts)</p> <p>Director of Pharmacy (Pharmacy contracts)</p> <p>Director of Research (Research contracts and grants)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Director of Finance and Chief Executive</p>
	Over £2,000,001	<p>Strategic Head of Procurement (all contracts)</p> <p>Director of Estates and Facilities (Estates &amp; Facilities contracts)</p> <p>Director of Pharmacy (Pharmacy contracts)</p> <p>Director of Research (Research contracts and grants)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Director of Finance and Chief Executive</p> <p>PROVIDED THAT the Board of Directors have specifically approved the execution of the contract by the Trust</p>

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
<b>4.15 Research and Development Applications</b> (for Research Grants and Commercial Research Contracts)		
SFI 19	less than £250,000	General Manager and Finance Manager
	Over £250,001 to £1,000,000	Director of Research and Deputy Director of Finance
	Over £1,000,001 to £2,000,000	Medical Director and Director of Finance
	Over £2,000,001	Medical Director and Director of Finance AND Paper shared at Executive Team Meeting (before or after)
<b>4.16 Research Grants and Commercial Research Contracts</b> (commitment to proceed after successful application)		
SFI 19	less than £250,000	General Manager and Finance Manager
	Over £250,001 to £1,000,000	Director of Research and Deputy Director of Finance
	Over £1,000,001 to £2,000,000	Medical Director and Director of Finance
	Over £2,000,001 to £3,000,000	Medical Director and Director of Finance AND Paper shared at Executive Team Meeting
	Over £3,000,001	Medical Director and Director of Finance Paper shared at Board of Directors (delegated to Chair if time constraints)
<b>4.17 Management and control of computer systems and facilities</b>		
SFI 14.1.1	Accuracy and security of computerised financial data systems	Director of Informatics

SCHEME OF DELEGATION		
Reference (where applicable)	Delegated Responsibility	Delegated Officer
SFI 14.1.3	Publish and maintain Freedom of Information (FOI)	Communications Manager
<b>4.18 Appointment of consultant medical staff</b>		
SFI 8.3.3	Approval of business cases for appointment of new Consultant Medical Staff.	The Executive Team
<b>4.19 Pay Rate Controls</b>		
SFI 21.12	Agreement of any off-payscale pay rates outside of the national agenda for change and medical and dental payscale.	Director of Finance and Director of Human Resources.
<b>4.20 Engagement of temporary workers, particularly agency staff</b>		
SFI 21.11	Authority to enter into contracts of employment for staff, agency staff or temporary staff service contracts.	
	Professional groups other than Nursing and Medical	Vacancy Approval Panel
	Nursing staff via the Flexible Workforce Team Office	Director of HR
	Medical Staff via the Flexible Workforce Team at Human Resources	Director of HR
<b>4.21 Use of directed surveillance</b>		
	Directed surveillance that is carried out by the Foundation Trust is subject to strict controls.	This can only be authorised by the Police or NHS Protect (Counter Fraud Service).