

PAPER FOR TRUST BOARD

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TITLE:

Period 11 Finance Director's report

KEY ISSUES:

- Successful A & E contract resolution for 2008/9 achieved avoiding arbitration as in 0708
- Period 11 cumulative underlying deficit £3.0m, £1.2m reported after one-off credits.
- Catch up in lease costs and other accounting matters, but some risk remains
- Outlook for 2007/8 is estimated to be breakeven as commissioning recharges have been agreed.
- CIPS programme underway expecting £1.2m by end March

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THE COMMITTEE

Approve the management efforts towards breakeven through CIPS.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TRUST:

1. There are risks in incomplete information for direction of Trust affairs, from a historically weak internal control environment. Risk of deficit.
2. Operational Impact. – Control of spend up to March 08 may be relaxed to achieve performance targets.
3. Equality Impact required? None
4. Resources required? A temporary CA has been hired, other internal priorities changed, and consideration of additional help ongoing. HR help needed to hire permanent positions.
5. Legal Issues. Does this support compliance with legislation requirement? Yes