

## Bolton NHS Foundation Trust – Provider Licence

### Declarations required by Continuity of Service condition 7 of the NHS provider licence

#### 3 Continuity of services condition 7 - Availability of Resources (FTs designated CRS only)

- 3b After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking account distributions which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate.

**Confirmed**

#### Statement of main factors taken into account in making the above declaration

In making the above declaration, the main factors which have been taken into account by the Board of Directors are as follows:

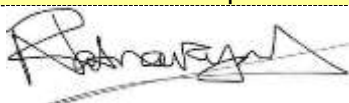
The Board of Directors reviewed a detailed paper providing assurance with regard to compliance with the provider licence and supported - **Declaration B** "After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation, subject to what is explained below, that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking into account in particular (but without limitation) any distribution which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate. However, they would like to draw attention to the following factors which may cast doubt on the ability of the Licensee to have access to the required resources".

#### The caveats to support the Trust in making Declaration B are listed below.

1. There remain challenges from the labour market in recruiting appropriate staff in various areas, for both clinical and non-clinical areas. Whilst the Trust is able to obtain staff as required to ensure cover for clinical requirements, these are often bank or agency staff who incur premium costs to the Trust and therefore impact the financial position. There may be longer-term impacts for non-clinical posts in respect of the Trust's ability to meet national and Integrated Care Board priorities.

2. The Trust is required to deliver a challenging efficiency programme for the year of £37.1m which is 7% of operational expenditure. Work is underway to fully identify this, given the control total stretch requested by the GM ICB.
3. The Trust has been asked to deliver an reduce its growth in Corporate services by 50% to support front line services which is a £5.5million reduction in costs as part of the changes put in place by NHS England, of which £7.2m is confirmed as deliverable .The Board has not had the opportunity, at the date of this statement, to conclude the planning for delivery of this programme; and therefore does not currently have a view on the potential impacts of the programme on the delivery of services.
4. Internally generated funds to support capital for the year is limited, and the Board has had to prioritise schemes within the available capital funding. Some schemes that the Board would have wished to pursue have not been able to be taken forward, which may impact on the provision of both clinical services and support services.

The Going Concern report reviewed by the Board in June 2025 and included within the Annual Report and Accounts sets out the assurance provided to the Board to confirm that the management of the Trust are confident that the Trust will remain a Going concern and will therefore be able to continue the provision of Commissioner Requested Services with due regard to the NHS Constitution.



29 May 2025

Signed on behalf of the board of directors, and, in the case of Foundation Trusts, having regard to the views of the governors