

Declarations required by General Condition 6 and Continuity of Service condition 7 of the NHS provider licence

1 & 2 General condition 6 - Systems for compliance with licence conditions (FTs and NHS trusts)

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Following a review for the purpose of paragraph 2(b) of licence condition G6, the Directors of the Licensee are satisfied that, in the Financial Year most recently ended, the Licensee took all such precautions as were necessary in order to comply with the conditions of the licence, any requirements imposed on it under the NHS Acts and have had regard to the NHS Constitution.

Confirmed

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

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“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”

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:

- 1) The Directors note that the Trust's access to Required Resources depends on effectively carrying out its approved Sustainability Plan, including cost improvement and transformation. Delivery of this plan is a key factor supporting the expectation of continued access to resources during the certificate period.

a) The Sustainability Plan integrates financial recovery, transformation and productivity within an established governance framework aligned to Trust strategy and NHS England Medium-Term Planning requirements.

b) It explicitly recognises the interdependence between financial sustainability and service continuity, ensuring cost improvement and transformation schemes are developed and implemented without compromising patient safety or statutory service

c) Delivery is overseen through the executive-led Sustainability Board, with further scrutiny provided by the Finance & Investment Committee and Audit & Risk Committee, supporting early identification, escalation and management of risks that could impact financial viability or continuity of essential services.

d) Sustainability delivery is structured around themed portfolios, each with accountable Executive leads and defined metrics. Management actions include:

• development of fully costed and deliverable CIP schemes

• scrutiny of service-level cost drivers and income risks

• active monitoring of workforce and capacity impacts

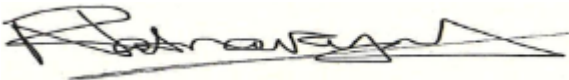
e) Where financial risks increase, enhanced oversight and escalation routes are in place, including potential engagement with regional and regulatory bodies.

2) The Sustainability Plan supports compliance with licence conditions relating to financial viability, recognising that unresolved deficits or non-delivery of CIP represent a potential threat to continuity of services.

3) The Board receives regular assurance on progress, benefits realisation and risk mitigation, and retains the ability to intervene where delivery issues emerge. This provides a level of assurance that actions taken to improve financial sustainability are subject to appropriate controls and oversight and are managed with due regard to the ongoing provision of safe, effective and compliant services, consistent with the Trust’s Provider Licence obligations

The Board reviewed a detailed paper providing assurance with regard to compliance with the provider licence.

The Going Concern report reviewed by the Finance and Investment Committee in March 2026 and is 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.



Dr Niruban Ratnarajah
Chair
30 May 2026

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors, having regard to the views of the governors.