Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

TRUST BOARD
24th November 2011

TITLE	**Epsom Hospital Transaction**
SUMMARY	This report summarises progress with the Trust's bid to acquire Epsom Hospital. The Invitation To Tender (ITT) was submitted ahead of the 11th November submission deadline and we are now in the bidder's evaluation phase, working towards the 1 January 2013 for statutory transfer and dissolution.
BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS	The Board received a summary briefing paper setting out the strategic rationale, implications and mitigation plans and these were considered at an Extraordinary Board meeting on the 7th November where the recommendation was made to submit the bid, subject to conditions. Risks will continue to be identified, refined, reviewed and mitigated against as part of the mobilisation and integration plans over the next three years.
STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS	Staff and governor briefings took place to ascertain stakeholders' views. Should the Trust proceed with the process, stakeholder consultation will take place as required, in advance of the 1 January 2013 statutory transfer date.
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES	The intention is for the decision-making process and mobilisation and integration to be inclusive, in accordance with best practice in respect to Equality and Diversity. The membership of the new organisation will be diverse and representative of the local community.
LEGAL ISSUES	Legal advisors, Beachcrofts are conducting a legal due diligence review which will be considered by the Board in due course.
The Trust Board is asked to:	Note the report
Submitted by:	Raj Bhamber Director of Workforce and Organisational Development (SRO)
Date:	16 November 2011
Decision:	For Noting

EPSOM HOSPITAL TRANSACTION
SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (SRO) REPORT

1 Introduction

This report provides a summary of the current status in relation to the bid for acquiring Epsom Hospital, the evaluation phase and decision-making.

2 Our planned approach

Our approach focuses on the integrated campus model and includes ambitious new partnerships with the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, the community provider, Central Surrey Health and Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. This will bring additional and more sustainable services to Epsom, as well as providing added benefits to Surrey patients and staff.

3 Current status on plans to acquire Epsom Hospital

The Trust submitted a bid to acquire Epsom Hospital ahead of the submission deadline of 11 November 2012, which included:

- Volumes 1 and 2 of the Invitation To Tender (ITT), including appendices
- An Integrated Business Plan (IBP) for the integrated organisation
- Comprehensive Long Term Financial Models (LTFMs) to achieve acceptable financial risk ratings and to include proposed financial support to protect Ashford and St Peter's NHS Foundation Trust from the deficit at Epsom
- A Letter of Undertaking
- A cover letter outlining the key principles, outstanding business and timescales

3. Evaluation

The Transaction Team has commenced an evaluation of the submission, which includes:

- Compliance checks and clarification questions
- An onsite visit scheduled for 29 November 2011

4. Decision Making

The Transaction Team will conclude their process in early 2012, with a recommendation to the Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust Board, followed by a review by NHS London (Capital Investment Committee).

An announcement is expected in January-February 2012, subject to which there will be additional approvals by the Co-operation and Competition Panel (CCP), NHS Transaction Board and Monitor.

Raj Bhamber
Director of Workforce and Organisational Development
16 November 2011