

# Report to the Meeting of the

# Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

# Board of Directors

**BOD 59/2015**

(Agenda item: 15)

**29 April 2015**

**Use of Emergency Powers / Approval of the submission of the Draft FY16 Operating Plan to Monitor**

**Executive Summary**

The powers which the Board has reserved to itself within its Standing Orders may in an emergency or for an urgent decision be exercised by the Chief Executive and the Chair after having consulted at least two Non-Executive Directors (SO 4.2). The exercise of such powers by the Chief Executive and the Chair shall be reported to the next formal meeting of the Board for noting.

The Board at its meeting on 25 March 2015, following a request for further explanation, approved the exercise of these powers in relation to the approval of the required submission due to Monitor of a draft FY16 Operating Plan by 7 April 2015. On 2 April 2015, the Chief Executive and the Chair consulted with two Non-Executive Directors (Anne Grocock and Lyn Williams), after Mike McEnaney (Director of Finance) had provided further explanation of the draft Operating Plan, and subsequently approved the submission of the draft plan without change.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to note the decision (pursuant to the exercise of emergency powers / urgent decision by the Chief Executive and the Chair) to approve the submission of the draft FY16 Operating Plan to Monitor.

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1. *A risk assessment has been undertaken around the legal issues that this paper presents and there are no issues that need to be referred to the Trust Solicitors.*