

Subject:	Towards a New Approach to Annual Planning
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Purpose of paper	Requires Trust Board approval
Key points for Trust Board members	<p>The Director of Strategy and Business Development was tasked by the Executive Management Team to set up a 'Task and Finish Group' to evaluate the Trust's annual planning cycle and recommend a new approach to creating the annual plan. The group – which comprised a multi-disciplinary team from across both CSCs and key supporting departments – met three times, as well as holding a number of informal discussions and exchanging ideas via email.</p> <p>The document summarises the group's recommendations. This was previously circulated to Trust Board for emailed comments, which have been received and noted. Trust Board is now asked formally to ratify the proposals.</p>
Options and decisions required	Trust Board is asked to approve the proposal.
Next steps / future actions:	The Interim Director of Finance will lead the revised annual planning process, supported by peer Directors as appropriate.
Consideration of legal issues (including Equality Impact Assessment)?	None believed to apply
Consideration of Public and Patient Involvement and Communications Implications?	None believed to apply