

## Board Meeting in Public

### Tuesday, 01 April 2025

<b>Title of Paper</b>	Draft DHSC/NHSBT Framework Agreement	<b>Agenda No.</b>	4.1
<b>Nature of Paper</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official <input type="checkbox"/> Official Sensitive		
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<b>Presented for</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Information* <input type="checkbox"/> Assurance <input type="checkbox"/> Update		
<b>Executive Summary (max 300 word count)</b>			
<p>In accordance with HM Treasury's handbook, Managing Public Money, the Department of Health and Social Care and NHSBT are required to agree a document that sets out the broad governance framework within which they operate.</p> <p>The Framework Agreement sets out NHSBT's core responsibilities, describes the governance and accountability framework that applies between the roles of the DHSC, NHSBT, and sets out how the day-to-day relationship works in practice, including in relation to governance and financial matters.</p> <p>The last agreement (<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dh-and-nhsbt-framework-agreement">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dh-and-nhsbt-framework-agreement</a>) was approved in 2014, and its review is overdue. The Framework Agreement should be reviewed and updated at least every three years.</p> <p>In collaboration with DHSC, the attached draft agreement has been prepared. The HM Treasury template has been used as the base of this with amendment only where necessary to reflect specific circumstances of NHSBT. In particular the pay and conditions of service and pensions, redundancy and compensation sections have been significantly amended to accurately reflect the position for NHSBT.</p>			
<b>Previously Considered by</b>			
N/A			
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Board is asked to approve the revised Draft Framework Agreement in its presented form, following which the Agreement will be subject to ministerial approval, and any subsequent amendments required as a result.		
<b>Risk(s) identified (Link to Board Assurance Framework Risks)</b>			
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<b>Strategic Objective(s) this paper relates to:</b> [Click on all that apply]			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaborate with partners <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in people and culture <input type="checkbox"/> Drive innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Modernise our operations <input type="checkbox"/> Grow and diversify our donor base			
<b>Appendices:</b>	DHSC/NHSBT Framework Agreement		