



Title of Paper: <u>Trust Board Terms of Reference – Revised Version</u>		
<u>For Decision</u> Requires majority decision prior to implementation or action.	<u>For Discussion</u> Requires consideration and debate.	<u>For Noting</u> Contains information Members should be made aware.

1.0 Background

Trust Board is required to review its Terms of Reference on an annual basis to ensure they continue to be appropriate to its remit.

The Terms of Reference was last considered in detail and approved at the Board meeting held in 27 March 2024 with a minor revision accepted on 25 June 2024.

Since that time, the Trust and the Department of Health have been operating a Partnership Agreement - effective from 5 June 2024 - which sets out the arrangements between both for how our overall governance framework operates.

The Partnership Agreement is accessible on our website via the following link:

[Partnership-Agreement-between-SEHSCCT-and-the-Department-of-Health-Final-Signed-05-June-2024.pdf](#)

In consultation with the Chairman, it has been agreed to table a revised Terms of Reference for consideration.

2.0 Key Issues

The revised Terms of Reference incorporates changes in membership following the retirement of a number of Non-Executive Directors and the appointment of their successors.

A number of changes have also been proposed to reflect the commencement of the DoH Partnership Agreement and receipt of a revised Corporate Governance in Central Government Departments: Code of Good Practice NI published in February 2025.

The revisions also aim to provide clarity on a number of the definitions used together with a number of minor amendments incorporating additional feedback received from the Chairman.

3.0 Resources Implications (inc Organisational, Financial, Human Resources)

Not applicable.

4.0 Impact on Safety, Quality and Experience (SQE)

Not applicable.

5.0 Key Risks and Proposals to Mitigate

Not applicable.

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