



Title of Paper: DoH South Eastern H&SC Trust Partnership Agreement

<u>For Decision</u>	<u>For Discussion</u>	For Noting
Requires majority decision prior to implementation or action.	Requires consideration and debate.	Contains information Members should be made aware of.

1.0 Background

Further to a Matter Arising from Trust Board discussion in February 2024, the Chairman undertook to provide an update on progress made to finalise the DoH/SET Partnership Agreement in due course.

2.0 Key Issues

The Partnership Agreement sets out the arrangements between the Trust and the Department of Health for how our overall governance framework operates.

Following a number of clarifications sought by the Chairman and responded to by DoH HSC Sponsorship Branch, the Partnership Agreement has been agreed and signed effective from Wednesday 5 June 2024.

A copy of the Agreement is tabled for noting together with this briefing paper. In addition, the Agreement has been published online by DoH and a dedicated section of the Trust’s website has been created so members of the public can access the document.

The Partnership Agreement is based on a mutual understanding of strategic aims and objectives, clear accountability and a recognition of the distinct roles each organisation contributes.

Underpinning the arrangements are the principles set out in the Northern Ireland Code of Good Practice ‘Partnerships between Departments and Arm’s-Length Bodies’ which should be read in conjunction with this document. For completeness, a copy has also been tabled today.

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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