

**Board Meeting:** 19 November 2020

**Subject:** EU Withdrawal



**Recommendation:** Board members are asked to:

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## 1 Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to update on Board actions to prepare for EU Withdrawal on 31 December 2020.

## 2 Background

As previously communicated key areas of focus are:

- Procurement (including medical equipment)
- Supply of medicines
- Workforce
- Finance
- R&D
- Regulatory (e.g. MHRA, Information Governance, legislation)

Contingencies that were previously in place remain and much of this is co-ordinated at a national level. Leads for the identified areas met to review our position and consider any immediate risks to the Board.

## 3 Assessment

- The SLWG met in October to consider updates from the key leads in relation to preparedness and any areas of risk
- Leads for pharmacy, procurement and resilience are linked in to the key national network discussions. Planning assumptions are based on reasonable worst case scenario that exit on 31 December 2020 with no further deal arranged; reverting to contingencies that were put in place in 2019 for no deal which involve national procurement and medicines supplies.

- Procurement are undertaking some work to review any high risk suppliers locally and will advise of any issues.
- Medical physics have supported high risk areas to ensure BCP are up to date in the event of any equipment issues.
- No key risks highlighted from key internal leads.
- Noted that there may be potential impact on construction supplies if borders become an issue.

It was agreed that in advance on the December date guidance on communication and escalation of any issues will be prepared and issued to managers to ensure a consistent approach.

The Board risk is at a medium level.

#### **4 Current Control Measures in place**

EU Withdrawal SLWG chaired by Executive Director of Nursing & AHPs, reporting to Gold and Board to provide assurance.

Preparedness assessment undertaken across all key areas and where required internal contingency plans in place.

Links established to national (Scottish and UK) contingency arrangements as impact will be across NHS Scotland with co-ordinated response.

Element of financial provisions incorporated into Boards finance plan.

The attached schedule outlines these control measures and details additional mitigations.

#### **5 Recommendation**

Board members are asked to note the content of the report.

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**10 November 2020**

<b>S12 EU Withdrawal</b>		
Current Risk Level  <b>L2 x S2 = 12 (medium)</b>	Target Risk Level  <b>L2 x S2 = 4 (medium)</b>	Risk Appetite: Outwith for hotel  
<p><b><i>If we cannot adequately respond to the changes associated with the EU Withdrawal, it may impact on our ability to continue to deliver our core services</i></b></p> <p>May impact on ability to deliver corporate objectives and on long term strategy.</p> <p>Financial consequences possible in relation to funding and budget impact.</p> <p>Impact as EU regs transferred; loss of access to MHRA; R&amp;D impact of not being part of EU .</p> <p>Pharmaceutical and market impacts that may affect supplies of key items.</p> <p>High risk workforce areas within medical staffing and hotel housekeeping identified.</p>	<p><b>Current control measures in place:</b></p> <p>EU Withdrawal SLWG chaired by Executive Director of Nursing &amp; AHPs.</p> <p>Preparedness assessment undertaken across all key areas and where required internal contingency plans in place.</p> <p>Links established to national (Scottish and UK) contingency arrangements as impact will be across NHS Scotland with co-ordinated response.</p> <p>Element of financial provisions incorporated into Boards finance plan.</p>	<p><b>Assurance/ Monitoring:</b></p> <p>Reports to Gold and Board as situation develops.</p> <p>Assessment to date have not highlighted any areas of direct impact.</p>
	<p><b>Additional Mitigations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLWG reconvened to reassess preparedness across the key areas.</li> <li>• Monitor updates from national networks.</li> </ul>	