

## North Bristol NHS Trust NHS Provider Licence Self-Certification 2018/19

The NHS provider license is the main way in which NHS England and Improvement regulates providers of NHS services over their legal obligations on finance and care.

The Trust is working hard to be financially secure for the long term and to reduce delays to patient care. In agreement with our regulators **we have taken the following actions:**

- Agreed a timeframe with NHS Improvement for the creation of a Long Term Financial Model to achieve a sustainable financial position that aligns with the STP, the Trust's strategic direction and the STP strategic and financial context;
- Agreed a four-hour A&E standard improvement trajectory with NHS Improvement as part of our annual operating plan submission, with an A&E four-hour improvement plan overseen by the Board;
- Agreed a trajectory with NHS Improvement to eliminate the number of patients waiting 52 weeks or more for elective care in a sustainable manner, with an improvement plan overseen by the Board.

Despite our best efforts in 2018/19 the Trust was found to be in breach of a number of its license conditions. This is because of the significant challenges we face with our finances and waiting times for services due to increasing patient referrals. These are challenges faced by most Trusts across the country but we recognise we have fallen short in some areas.

Therefore, in 2018/19 the Trust Directors are unable to certify compliance with the following statement:

*"Following a review for the purpose of paragraph 2(b) of licence condition G6, the Directors of the Licensee are satisfied that, in the Financial Year most recently ended, the Licensee took all such precautions as were necessary in order to comply with the conditions of the licence, any requirements imposed on it under NHS Acts and have had regard to the NHS Constitution."*

Signed on behalf of the Trust Board:



Andrea Young, Chief Executive

Date: 28 June 2019

