

Declaration required by Continuity of Service condition 7 of the NHS provider licence

The board are required to respond "Confirmed" or "Not confirmed" to the following statements (please select 'not confirmed' if confirming another option). Explanatory information should be provided where required.

1 Continuity of services condition 7 - Availability of Resources (FTs designated CRS only)

EITHER:

1a After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking account distributions which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate.

Please Respond

OR

1b After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation, subject to what is explained below, that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking into account in particular (but without limitation) any distribution which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate. However, they would like to draw attention to the following factors (as described in the text box below) which may cast doubt on the ability of the Licensee to provide Commissioner Requested Services.

Confirmed

Please fill details in cell E22

OR

1c In the opinion of the Directors of the Licensee, the Licensee will not have the Required Resources available to it for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate.

Please Respond

Statement of main factors taken into account in making the above declaration

In making the above declaration, the main factors which have been taken into account by the Board of Directors are as follows:

Locally, the Dorset Integrated Care System continues to operate under significant pressure, with high demand for urgent and emergency care services and a significant number of patients in acute hospitals who no longer meet the criteria to reside. The Dorset ICS has submitted a balanced operational plan within which the Trust has a planned deficit of £8.4m. This reflects the significant operational pressures which have limited the Trusts ability to manage a small number of specific pressures linked to the reconfiguration of services which takes place in 2025/26. The risks to the availability of required resources consistent with operating within this context have been highlighted in the Trust's annual plan. These risks have been recorded in the Trust's risk register and are regularly monitored and reviewed together with the associated plans to mitigate these risks. In approving its annual plan the Board of Directors has taken into account the reserves of the Trust, which would enable it to allocate additional resources as required, and the fact that it has provisional contract values agreed with commissioners. It is recognised that this remains a draft plan and further work is being undertaken to mitigate financial risk and identify further opportunities to reduce the deficit further.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors, and, in the case of Foundation Trusts, having regard to the views of the governors

Capacity Chief Executive

Signature

Judy Gillow

Signature

Siobhan Harrington

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Capacity Chair

Chief Executive Officer

Date 12 May 2025

Date 14 May 2025