

NHS LPP Governance Statement

Governance Arrangement and Effectiveness

1. NHS LPP Steering Board receives assurance that it applies principles, systems and standards of good corporate governance which reasonably would be regarded as appropriate for a provider of procurement services to the NHS.
2. The Steering Board has regard to such guidance on good corporate governance as may be issued by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust from time to time
3. The Steering Board receives assurance that NHS LPP implements:
 - Effective board and committee structures
 - Clear responsibilities for its Board, for committees reporting to the Board and for staff reporting to the Board and those committees, and
 - Clear reporting lines and accountabilities throughout its organisation.
4. The Steering Board receives assurance that NHS LPP effectively implements systems and/or processes:
 - To ensure compliance with its Licensee's duty to operate efficiently, economically and effectively
 - For timely and effective scrutiny and oversight by The Steering Board of NHS LPP's operations
 - To ensure compliance with health care standards binding on NHS LPP including but not restricted to standards specified by the Secretary of State, the Care Quality Commission, the NHS Commissioning Board and statutory regulators of health care professions
 - For effective financial decision-making, management and control (including but not restricted to appropriate systems and/or processes to ensure NHS LPP's ability to continue as a going concern)
 - To obtain and disseminate accurate, comprehensive, timely and up to date information for Board and Committee decision-making
 - To identify and manage (including but not restricted to manage through forward plans) material risks to compliance with the Conditions of its Licence
 - To generate and monitor delivery of business plans (including any changes to such plans) and to receive internal and where appropriate external assurance on such plans and their delivery, and
 - To ensure compliance with all applicable legal requirements.
5. The Steering Board receives assurance the systems and/or processes should include but not be restricted to systems and/or processes to ensure:
 - That there is sufficient capability at Steering Board level to provide effective organisational leadership on the quality of care provided and the quality of procurement services rendered
 - That the Steering Board's planning and decision-making processes take timely and appropriate account of quality of care and procurement considerations

- That the Steering Board receives and takes into account accurate, comprehensive, timely and up to date information on quality of care and procurement
 - That NHS LPP, including its Steering Board, actively engages in the procurement and delivery of quality goods and services and care for patients, its members, staff and other relevant stakeholders and takes into account as appropriate views and information from these sources, and
 - That there is clear accountability for quality of care throughout NHS LPP including but not restricted to systems and/or processes for escalating and resolving quality issues including escalating them to the Steering Board where appropriate.
6. The Steering Board receives assurance that there are systems to ensure that NHS LPP has in place personnel on the Steering Board, reporting to the Steering Board and within the rest of the organisation who are sufficient in number and appropriately qualified to ensure compliance with the conditions set down by its host Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.
7. NHS LPP has appropriate policies and procedures in place to record conflicts of interests and these can be found on Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust's website. The Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality are reviewed by the appropriate Committees.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

NHS LPP is making these statements on the basis of circumstances as they are at the time the confirmations are made. Should there be changes to the status quo, it reserves its right to review them.