

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

MEMBERS COUNCIL

MONITOR NHS FOUNDATION TRUSTS REVIEW
OF SIX MONTHS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2007

1. INTRODUCTION

Two documents are attached, for information:

- i) the executive summary for the Trust, setting out the mid-year position for 2007/08 against the key measures used by Monitor
- ii) Monitor's review of all Foundation Trusts for the six months to 30th September 2007.

2. KEY POINTS TO NOTE

On the executive summary for the Trust, it is of note that the financial risk rating continues to be most satisfactory. The reason for the "amber" rating on governance is the breaching of the trajectory for the MRSA bacteraemia target and Governors are already aware that the Trust is now required to report on this monthly to Monitor. In addition, the Trust has been required to undertake an independent review of the self-certification governance arrangements in this regard and this is commented upon in the Executive Report under Agenda item 11.

The sector review highlights that 30 Foundation Trusts were in breach of the MRSA target (page 3). The year-to-date income and expenditure chart on page 6 shows the outstanding performance of the Trust, with a net surplus of £14.77 million at 30th September 2007, a margin of around 5%.

It is also worth noting the freedoms available to Foundation Trusts, set out on page 10.