

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

1 Continuity of services condition 7 - Availability of Resources (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.

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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

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.

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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:

The Trust Board has approved a financial plan that delivers a breakeven position by 31.3.27. In comparison to recent years this is challenging, with the Trust facing a number of material financial risks, that include:

1. The delivery of a recovery programme in excess of anything delivered historically (i.e. £58m – 7.8% of operational expenditure).
2. Significant uncertainty around inflationary uplifts across all spend categories, due to wider world and economic events.
3. The risk of continued periods of industrial action and the loss of elective activity and impact on capacity.
4. The impact of the subsequent elective recovery associated with (3) and general backlog clearance, both financial and performance and in particular the implications of the Elective Recovery Fund.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors.

Signature 

Signature 

Name Karen Walker

Name Mel Pickup

Capacity Acting Chair, BTHFT

Capacity Chief Executive, BTHFT

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