



## TRUST BOARD COVER SHEET

	<p><i>The cover sheet purpose is to provide the Trust Board/Committee with a clear summary of the paper being presented, how it impacts on the people we serve, key matters for attention and the ask of the Trust Board/Committee</i></p> <p><i>The Accountable Director must satisfy themselves that the cover sheet is accurate and fully reflects the paper. The expectation is that the Accountable Director has read and agreed the content of both the cover sheet and paper.</i></p>	
<b>Meeting and Date of meeting</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Trust Board</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>29<sup>th</sup> May 2025</i></p>	
<b>Title of paper</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>SHSCT Standing Orders including Reservation and Delegation of Powers</i></p>	
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<b>This paper sits within the Trust Board role of:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Accountability</i></p>	
<b>This paper is presented for:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approval</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Notes on completion at end of document)</i></p>	
<b>Links to Trust Strategic Priorities</b>  	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><i>Collaborative Working</i></p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><i>Learning Organisation</i></p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><i>Safety, Quality &amp; Experience</i></p>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><i>Community First</i></p>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><i>Whole-Life Approach</i></p>

## **1. Reason for Presentation of Paper / Report**

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust (the Trust) is required to have Standing Orders, Schedules of Powers Reserved to the Board and Powers Delegated by the Board and Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs).

The Standing Orders, Reserved and Delegated Powers and Standing Financial Instructions provide a comprehensive business framework for the Trust and enable the organisation to discharge its functions. They are split into two documents with Standing Orders including Reservation and Delegation of Powers in one and SFIs in another.

The Standing Orders and Reservation and Delegation of Powers cover the governance of the Trust Board and its Committees. These were last updated in February 2021 and therefore needed to be refreshed and updated to take account of the revised Code of Conduct and Code of Accountability and the Partnership Agreement between the DoH and the SHSCT.

## **2. Detailed summary of paper contents:**

The following key changes have been made:

- Refresh of terminology
- Reference to the revised Codes of Conduct and Code of Accountability and alignment to the Partnership Agreement between DoH and SHSCT
- Inclusion of Strategy and Transformation Committee
- Update to reflect two revised Committees – Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (former Audit Committee) and Finance, Performance and Workforce Committee (former Performance Committee)
- Inclusion of section on approval of business outside of formal Trust Board and Committee meetings

## **3. Areas of improvement/achievement:**

The document covers the seven new and revised Committees that are in operation to further improve the effectiveness of the Board and strengthen the Trust's integrated governance and assurance structure.

This version also incorporates the updated Scheme of Delegation to Committees as approved by the Trust Board in April 2025.

This draft document was presented to SLT on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for discussion.

<b>4. Areas of concern/risk/challenge:</b>	
<b>5. Impact on Statutory Duties: Provide details on the impact of the following and how.</b>	
<b><i>Financial Impact</i></b>	<b><i>Safety and Quality Impact</i></b>
No, there are no Financial Impacts	<b>No, there are no Quality, Safety or Experience Impacts</b>
<b>6. Risk Assessment (Risk level and state if a risk assessment be completed)</b>	
Risk assessment not required	
<b>7. Other Business Intelligence/data (If appropriate)</b>	
N/A	
<b>8. Impact: Provide details on the impact of the following and how. If this is N/A you should explain why this is an appropriate response.</b>	
<b>Corporate Risk Register</b>	N/A
<b>Board Assurance Framework</b>	Part of Trust Governance arrangements
<b>Equality and Human Rights</b>	N/A

## Reasons for Paper Presentation

<b>Approval</b>	<i>Used when an item requires a formal agreement or endorsement by the meeting / committee members. Examples are approving minutes, budgets, proposals or policies.</i>
<b>Assurance</b>	<i>Used when an item can be measured against a certain criteria / standard. Examples are a project is on course with delivery or financial targets are being met.</i>
<b>Information</b>	<i>Used when an item is presented for the purpose of updating or informing the attendees without requiring a decision or action, such as reports, updates, or announcements.</i>
<b>Discussion</b>	<i>Used when an item is listed primarily for open discussion, brainstorming or gathering input from the members without requiring an immediate decision.</i>