


## COVER SHEET

Meeting and Date of meeting	Trust Board 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
Title of paper	Draft Partnership Agreement between SHSCT and the Department of Health	
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This paper sits within the Trust Board role of:	Accountability	
This paper is presented for:	Approval	
Links to Trust Corporate Objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Promoting Safe, High Quality Care
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supporting people to live long, healthy active lives
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improving our services
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Making best use of our resources
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Being a great place to work – supporting, developing and valuing our staff
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Working in partnership

	<p><i>The report author will complete this report cover sheet fully. The Accountable Director must satisfy themselves that the cover sheet is accurate and fully reflects the report. The expectation is that the Accountable Director has read and agreed the content (cover sheet and report).</i></p> <p><i>Its purpose is to provide the Trust Board/Committee with a clear summary of the report/paper being presented, how it impacts on the people we serve and the key matters for attention and the ask of the Trust Board/Committee</i></p>
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### **1. Detailed summary of paper contents:**

This document sets out the partnership arrangements between the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) and the Department of Health (the Department). In particular, it explains the overall governance framework within which SHSCT operates, including the framework through which the necessary assurances are provided to stakeholders. Roles/responsibilities of partners within the overall governance framework are also outlined.

As part of the Partnership Agreement's Preliminary Work stage, the SHSCT provided suggested amendments in March 2023. The attached draft includes these suggested amendments, where appropriate, and relevant amendments from the DoH Governance Unit and the Department of Finance.

This draft document includes all the Annexes to the Partnership Agreement including the Engagement Plan (Annex 2).

This document and annexes are being presented to the Trust Board for approval.

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

The Partnership Agreement's Preliminary Work stage has concluded. The attached is the final draft which is currently being reviewed by the Department of Finance.

### **3. Areas of concern/risk/challenge:**

The Partnership Agreement as a document sets out the framework. However, the delivery of partnership working will be down to the relationships between the Trust and the Department. This is a new way of working, and the risk is that the intent of the agreement is not met in delivery.

### **4. 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.**

Corporate Risk Register	N/A
Board Assurance Framework	N/A
Equality and Human Rights	N/A