

University of Wolverhampton and The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Strategic Partnership Agreement 6 November 2019

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Agenda Item No: 7.3

Trust Board Report

Meeting Date:	6 November 2019
Title:	Strategic Partnership Agreement between the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and the University of Wolverhampton
Action Requested:	Approve
For the attention of the Board	
Assure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The confirmation of the principles and practice of partnership with a key local University.
Advise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines current and proposed areas of collaborative activity. The agreement no financial liability and such arrangements will be covered by separate individual collaborative agreements or ventures.
Alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes joint senior management group (SMG) to oversee the agreement. The CEO will provide, as part of his future reports to the Board, any items of note from the SMG.
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Links to Trust Strategic Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively seek opportunities to develop our services To have an effective and well integrated local health and care system that operates efficiently Attract, retain and develop our staff, and improve employee engagement
Resource Implications:	None.
CQC Domains	Well-led.
Equality and Diversity Impact	None identified.
Risks: BAF/ TRR	None to this specific agreement.
Public or Private:	Public
Other formal bodies involved:	University of Wolverhampton
References	Partnership Agreement (attached)
NHS Constitution:	<p>In determining this matter, the Board should have regard to the Core principles contained in the Constitution of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equality of treatment and access to services High standards of excellence and professionalism Service user preferences Cross community working Best Value Accountability through local influence and scrutiny

Brief/Executive Report Details

Brief/Executive Summary Title:	Strategic Partnership Agreement between the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and the University of Wolverhampton
Item/paragraph 1.0	The paper consists of the attached Strategic Partnership Agreement between the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and the University of Wolverhampton for review and confirmation by the Trust Board. The agreement is to run (subject to approval confirmation) from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2024.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON



&

**THE ROYAL WOLVERHAMPTON NHS
TRUST**



The Royal Wolverhampton
NHS Trust

History & Common Purpose:

The University of Wolverhampton and the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust have a history of joint working and collaboration as well as a long-standing commitment to their local communities. Both institutions share common values and are ambitious and forward thinking in their approach. Both aim to be at the forefront of health education provision and world-leading research to help drive discovery and find solutions for issues that affect our society.

Over the years the University and the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust have worked closely to ensure that the sub-regional workforce has the skills and expertise needed to support the regional economy through developing innovative ways of addressing the many and often complex challenges facing the health sector.

Collaboration & Partnership:

Together both institutions already work on a range of collaborative initiatives including placements, joint appointments, apprenticeships and research. Recently we jointly developed the Clinical Fellowship Programme and work together on a range of CPD programmes. There are many others.

We are building from a position of strength and on an already successful partnership, but we want to take the relationship to a new level in order to deliver transformative activity that provides opportunity to all and improves the outcomes and experiences for the communities we both serve through joint learning and research and the sharing of best practice.

Purpose of the Relationship:

The University of Wolverhampton and the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust are both committed to having a transformational influence on the economic, social and cultural development of their area.

The University, which has the largest Health, Nursing and Midwifery footprint in the region, is at the forefront of developments in field of health and care-related education and research whilst the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust has a longstanding commitment to research, development, learning and innovation.

The agreement will therefore deepen and expand existing links between both institutions and help forge closer working across a number of strategic areas and initiatives. The partnership will explore the potential for future research links and joint research projects and will help develop collaborative activity to aid student recruitment, student employment and student projects.

The partnership signals a cultural shift to a strategic way of working between the two institutions rather than a series of transactional activities. This ethos informs and shapes this agreement.

Vision:

**WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP AND DELIVER EXCELLENT
TEACHING, RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO
BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES.**

Working together the partnership can make a real difference to people's health and wellbeing whilst also creating a culture of academic excellence.

Collaborative Activity:

The institutions will establish and maintain joint staff activities including research, curriculum development, staff exchanges and collaborative ventures in:

- Student Placements.
- Nursing (Pre-Registration Health Placements & CPD)
- Clinical Fellowships.
- Research.
- Combined training and medical facilities (Polyclinic, Skills Labs, Simulation Suites).
- Review methods to achieve best use of the combined Estate.
- Continuous and Multi-disciplinary Professional Development.
- Joint Staff Appointments.
- Staff Exchange.
- Apprenticeships.
- Targeted areas of academic growth incl. Life Sciences, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy (not exhaustive).
- Placements/Education
- Medicine – CPD Leadership and Development

- Strategic Projects

The Parties will develop a 5-year strategic plan, as appropriate identify, and secure funding to support collaborative activities and staff exchanges associated with strategic plan objectives.

The 5-year plan will be underpinned by annually produced and mandated operational plans.

Management and Oversight:

A joint senior management group (SMG) will be established to oversee all activities undertaken as part, and through the tenure of the agreement. This group will convene periodically, for example once each academic year, using such means of communication as are available to review progress and when appropriate approve specific operational arrangements. Any reports from such meetings will be available to all parties and where practicable jointly authored.

The group will have equal representation from each institution. Such representation will be determined by each institution and will reflect the range of activities and the level of responsibility taken by the group on behalf of each institution.

It is expected that as a minimum it will include the Chief Executive Officer, Board Secretary, two Directors whilst other appropriate colleagues will be invited to attend and/or co-opted as necessary.

All workstreams or project groups created should have clear Terms of Reference and nominated leads from each organization which should be approved and monitored by the SMG.

Each institution will assist individual students and staff in seeking research funding or sponsorship from national or other sources.

Access for visiting staff to institutional resources and all facilities for teaching and research will be provided by each institution on an agreed basis prior to the start of any joint CPD activities.

All external advertising and publicity under this agreement shall be agreed jointly

Financial Arrangements:

No financial liability will be involved or should be expected as part of this collaborative Agreement, unless joint bids or CPD activities provide a shared income generation or where new ventures may include any sponsorship activities. If successful, the financial arrangements of such ventures will be captured under separate Agreements.

Length of Agreement:

This Agreement is valid for 5 years in the first instance and renewable thereafter for a further 5-year period. Prior to the expiry of the initial and following periods, a review will be undertaken of both the strategic and operational objectives.

Either institution may terminate the Agreement by the giving of not less than three months' notice and subject to proper arrangements being made for the completion of arrangements then underway.

Institutional Addresses and Representatives:

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