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**Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Health and Wellbeing Board - 14 May 2014  
**Subject:** South Sector Challenged Health Economy Programme  
**Report of:** Dr Bill Tamkin, Chair, South Clinical Commissioning Group

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**Summary**

Several health economies across England are facing major structural challenges in delivering high quality clinical services to patients in a way that is financially sustainable. The challenges faced by these economies range from a need to find effective agreed solutions to delivering more integrated care in the community to a need to consolidate and reconfigure services in acute hospital providers to meet care standards. The Challenged Health Economy programme is a national programme of support to such health economies.

This briefing note summarises the current situation, how it affects University Hospital South Manchester and explains what is planned over the next few months.

**Recommendations**

The Board is asked to:

- Note the contents of this report and consider how it wishes to be kept informed of progress in delivering the proposed recovery plan.
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**Board Priority(s) Addressed:**

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

None

## 1. South Sector Challenged Health Economy (SSCHE) Programme

- 1.1 Several health economies across England are facing major structural challenges in delivering high quality services in a way that is financially sustainable. The South Sector (South Manchester, Stockport, Tameside & Glossop and Eastern Cheshire) is one of those. A process has been established by NHS England, Monitor and the Trust Development Authority (TDA) which brings together key stakeholders to develop a potential solution. External support has also been secured to support the process.
- 1.2 In the South Sector, this programme will run until the end of June 2014 and will:
- Assess the baseline performance and financial positions of CCGs and Trusts
  - Analyse existing transformation programmes to ensure that they achieve the required improvements in clinical outcomes and clinical and financial sustainability
  - Complement ,and build on, the planning and development being undertaken as part of the Greater Manchester *Healthier Together* programme and other local programmes eg *Living Longer, Living Better*
  - Where appropriate, consider the development of alternative care models to improve sector viability
- 1.3 To oversee the programme, a Programme Board has been set up with senior representation from in-scope CCGs and Trusts, NHS England, Monitor and the TDA. It will be supported by a Clinical Board, Finance and Investment Group, Programme management group and Contract Management Group. A Patient and Carers advisory panel is also planned.
- 1.4 It is envisaged that this will be a 12 week programme, culminating in proposals which will complement, or form part of, the Healthier Together public consultation which is planned to begin in June 2014. This will enable broader public scrutiny of proposals throughout the 12 week consultation period.