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Title of paper (300 characters maximum) Matter Arising		
Purpose of paper	For Approval	
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Rationale for confidential consideration (if applicable)		
Presenter	**Peter Watson**	
Date of meeting	24 September 2026	

Background (1500 characters maximum)

It has been suggested that the Board may find it helpful to receive updates on matters arising from the previous meeting, in a written summary in advance of a Board meeting.
Please therefore see below an update on the Matters Arising from the previous meeting on 27 August 2026.

Date considered at Exec Team (If Applicable)	N/A

Options for consideration (1500 characters maximum)

N/A

Recommendations (1500 Characters maximum)

Trust Board are asked to review the updates, raise any queries which remain, and confirm the identified matters arising for closure.

Proposed Onward Consideration	Remove from Agenda

If other	

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4	**Matters Arising**			2026.09.24_TBP_AgendaItem4_P242-2026MattersArising
4.1	**Committee in Common update to be shared with Board**	**Chair**		
	The update was shared with the Board on 1 September 2026. Matter closed.			
4.2	**Written Updates on capital schemes to be shared with Board**	**Mr Porter/Mr Watson**		
	The updates were shared with the Board on 27 August 2026. Matter closed.			
4.3	**Query regarding Social Work Reporting Lines**	**Ms Weatherall**		
	Ms Weatherall has advised that at a meeting with SPPH and Executive Directors of Social Work a detailed discussion took place regarding Statutory Functions accountability arrangements, governance processes and the operation of the Support and			

	Intervention Framework (SIF). Concerns were raised that accountability meetings had become less effective in recent years, particularly following the move to virtual meetings during COVID-19. Directors reflected that the current arrangements no longer provided the same level of challenge, oversight and strategic discussion previously achieved through face-to-face accountability meetings. Members expressed support for reviewing the current model and considering a return to more robust and purposeful in-person arrangements. Concerns were also raised regarding communication and			

	oversight of SIF and Watching Brief issues, with Directors emphasising the need to be informed of issues that may escalate through regional governance arrangements. Matter closed.			
4.4	**Family reports to be shared with Board**	**Ms Weatherall**		
	Reports were shared with the Board on 10 September 2026. Matter closed.			
4.5	**Briefing for Board in relation to SIF, SOM and Benchmarking Activity**	**Mr Watson**		
	To be arranged for October. Matter ongoing			