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**Report to:** Board of Trustees

**Date of meeting:** 26 January 2015

**Report from:** Chief Executive

**Subject:** **Chief Executive's Report – update on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

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**Meetings with the Department of Health**

The Chairman and I attended the annual review meeting with DH on Friday 12 December 2014. In addition to discussing the annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014, we also discussed funding for the coming year, 2015/16. DH stressed that the fiscal climate was very tough and intimated that our funding may be cut for next year. They advised that they wouldn't be recommending a budget cut, but couldn't guarantee that it wouldn't happen. We therefore need to be prepared for the prospect of a reduced allocation. They also advised that it was likely to be the end of this financial year before next year's allocation was confirmed.

In the light of political developments such as the APPG Inquiry, we agreed to meet with them again on Friday 6 February 2015. We will keep the board updated.

**Meeting with the Haemophilia Society**

Due to a diary mix-up, a meeting scheduled for 16 January 2015 with Liz Carroll, Chief Executive of the Haemophilia Society, has been rearranged for 29 January. We will advise the board by email if anything significant arises from this meeting.