

Financial Year to which self-certification relates

2024/25

Please complete the explanatory information in cell E36

Declarations required by Continuity of Service condition 7 of the NHS provider licence

3 Continuity of services condition 7 - Availability of Resources (FTs designated CRS only)

EITHER:

3a After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking account distributions which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate.

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OR

3b After making enquiries the Directors of the Licensee have a reasonable expectation, subject to what is explained below, that the Licensee will have the Required Resources available to it after taking into account in particular (but without limitation) any distribution which might reasonably be expected to be declared or paid for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate. However, they would like to draw attention to the following factors (as described in the text box below) which may cast doubt on the ability of the Licensee to provide Commissioner Requested Services.

Confirmed

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OR

3c In the opinion of the Directors of the Licensee, the Licensee will not have the Required Resources available to it for the period of 12 months referred to in this certificate.

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Statement of main factors taken into account in making the above declaration

In making the above declaration, the main factors which have been taken into account by the Board of Directors are as follows:

- The current designation of MFT services as Commissioner Requested Services (CRS) continues to be a 'default' position (i.e. automatic full designation, across all services). Commissioners have yet to complete a full and recurrent review of MFT services to make a proper and considered CRS designation.
- In effect, the current CRS designation remains inherited from the position in April 2013, when CRS principles were first established. At that point in time, the FT licence saw all NHS-funded services "grandfathered" into CRS status (pending service-line review) until 31st March 2016.
- In March 2016, the Manchester CCGs decided to extend that position through until at least October 2017. Since then, Manchester CCG extended this in light of the MFT merger, ongoing SHS and LCO developments. This position has been maintained following the introduction of Integrated Care Boards in July 2022. Given this, it would not be meaningful for MFT in isolation to undertake self-certification work across all services.
- It has remained the CCGs', and now GM ICB's, ultimate intention to work with MFT to identify a revised list of CRS designated services to ensure consistency across GM. In the meantime, the view is that the current default designation provides stability and protection for services even though Commissioners remain able to re-procure or transfer services, as has been the case for time to time during the period since April 2013.
- Given this position, MFT is unable to fully self-certify, across all services provided, that either Statement 3A or Statement 3C is definitive.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors, and, in the case of Foundation Trusts, having regard to the views of the governors

Signature

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Date: 31st May 2024

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