

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>18 Week Referral To Treatment Update</b>		
<b>Report of Accountable Officer for BHR Clinical Commissioning Groups</b>			
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>		
<b>Wards Affected: ALL</b>	<b>Key Decision:</b>		
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<b>Summary:</b> The NHS Constitution gives patients the right to access services within 18 weeks following a GP referral. Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust (BHRUT) which runs King George and Queen's Hospitals, suspended formal reporting of its Referral To Treatment (RTT) performance in February 2014 due to a lack of confidence in the ability of the Trust to reliably report both the numbers of patients waiting.  BHR CCGs and BHRUT were tasked to develop and deliver by NHS England (NHSE) and the NHS Trust Development Agency (NTDA), an RTT recovery plan and report regularly to NHSE/ NTDA to provide the necessary assurance.  Despite BHRUT data quality not being assured its March 2016 Board papers stated that it had 1,015 patients waiting more than 52 weeks on the elective RTT pathway. This led to considerable national publicity.  An RTT Recovery and Improvement Plan for BHRUT has been developed which covers a number of work-streams including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theatres productivity</li><li>• Outsourcing</li><li>• Validation</li><li>• RTT Admin</li><li>• Demand and Capacity</li><li>• Demand management</li></ul> The plan aims to deliver key constitutional standards, the alignment of elective demand			

and capacity and improved data quality on a sustainable basis.

The presentation attached at Appendix A provides an update on progress in delivering the RTT Recovery and Improvement Plan.

**Recommendation(s)**

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to note the information in the attached presentation.

**Reason(s):**

The timely treatment of patients referred to secondary care by their GPs is a right under the NHS constitution and a marker for a safe, high quality, local NHS.