Application to Bournemouth University for the Trust to be considered for University Status

To provide an update for the Board of Directors and an Action plan to achieve this status by Nov. 2011

The Trust has articulated its aim to become a University Trust, linked with Bournemouth University.

It is planned that this will take place Nov.2011

An action plan for this identifies what is in place to achieve this.

The Board support the action plan for the Trust to apply for University status November 2011

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REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TRUST APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY STATUS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Trust’s Academic Strategy (2008) articulates aspirations to become a University Trust. This aims to establish a culture where excellence is expected and supported through learning and scholarly activity, to ensure the best patient care is provided within the Trust.

1.2 Historically University Hospitals were identified because they were linked with Medical Schools and provided clinical placements for medical students. This link was sufficient and no recognition of quality or services available was required.

1.3 Recently other trusts, not specially linked to Medical Schools have been pursuing this status. The emphasis moving to encompass the learning of all health care professionals and where quality and services available become a required standard.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

2.1 The Trust aimed to gain University status from Bournemouth University by autumn 2010.

2.2 An Academic Committee was formed (2009) In part, to direct the progression of the Trust in obtaining University Status.
2.3. The documentary evidence required by the University to support this process was produced in June 2010.

2.4. Due to the Trust’s challenging financial status it was advised by the Dean of School of Health and Social Care (Bournemouth University) and the CEO of the Trust that the process of gaining University Status should be deferred until the financial situation within the Trust was more stable.

2.5. January 2011 a presentation was given to the Board of Governors’ about the value of gaining university status. They agreed unanimously that this was a good venture for the Trust.

2.6. The Academic committee of March 2011 proposed that the Trust should now aim to gain university status by autumn 2011.

3. ACTION PLAN

3.1. A paper will be submitted to Bournemouth University Senate in June 2011 advising of the Trust’s intension to pursue University Status in autumn 2011.

3.2. The required documents will be updated to reflect the current landscape of the Trust. These will be agreed by the academic committee in September 2011 and then will be submitted to the University by 1st October 2011.

3.2. The Trust secretary will be invited to the June Academic Committee to discuss the legal implications for a change of name to the Trust.

3.3. A panel from the Academic Committee will be agreed and a shadow event with university representatives will take place prior to the main validation event in November 2011.

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