

AGENDA ITEM NO.

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BIRMINGHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2013**

Title:	APPROVAL OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY STATEMENT
Responsible Director:	Tim Jones, Executive Director for Delivery
Contact:	Louisa Bailey, Research Contracts and Governance Manager
Purpose:	The purpose of this paper is to request approval from the Board of Directors, to approve the Research and Development Operational Capability Statement (RDOCS).
Confidentiality Level & Reason:	N/A
Annual Plan Ref:	To ensure UHB is a leader of research and innovation
Key Issues Summary:	<p>The Government's Plan for Growth, published in March 2011, announced the launch of the NIHR Research Support Services (RSS) framework, a set of tools and guidelines to support a consistent and streamlined approach to managing health research studies in the NHS.</p> <p>It is now a requirement for Trusts who receive Research Capability Funding to comply with the requirements of the new RSS, to continue to receive the funding. One of the requirements is to for Trusts to publish an RDOCS that will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate that the Trust meets appropriate governance standards to undertake research. 2. Set out the types of research the Trust is capable of undertaking. 3. Describe the facilities available to support research across the organisation. <p>As the Trust receives Research Capability Funding the template RDCOS, provided by the NIHR RSS, has been completed and its content approved by the R&D Committee on 20 March 2013. It is a requirement for the RDOCS to be approved by the Board of Directors.</p>

Recommendations:	The Board of Directors is requested to: 1. APPROVE entering into the the Research and Development Operational Capability Statement	
Signed:		Date: 21 March 2013