Summary of Proposed changes

Standing Financial Instructions or Standing Orders reference	Current Instruction of reference	Proposed instruction of reference
Authorities/Duties Delegated Budget Holders SFI 12 (page 48)	Ensure that a) no overspend or reduction of income that cannot be met from virement is incurred without prior consent of Board; b) approved budget is not used for any other than specified purpose subject to rules of virement; c) no permanent employees are appointed without the approval of the CE other than those provided for within available resources and manpower establishment	Confirmation of current funded manpower resources to be established by Finance
Standing Financial Instructions: 12.1.8 Budgetary Delegation (page 65)	The Chief Executive and delegated budget holders must not exceed the budgetary total or virement limits set by the Board.	The Chief Executive and delegated budget holders must not exceed the budgetary total or virement limits below, set by the Board. Items of individual virement are subject to the following authorisation limits: Designated budget holders/ Associate Directors up to £5,000 Associate Directors, Finance up to £10,000 Directors up to £25,000 Director of Finance & Performance up to £100,000 Chief Executive up to £250,000 Chief Executive & Chairman up to £500,000 Trust Board over £500,000

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Authorities/Duties Delegated Chief Executive SFI 12.3.8 (page 50)	Approval of variation to funded establishment of any department Staff, including agency staff, appointments and re-grading.	Delegated to Executive Director within their delegated authority and within budgetary limits
Authorities/Duties Delegated Chief Executive SFI 12.4 (page 53)	Capital investment programme: (d) ensure that a business case is produced for each proposal.	Capital investment programme: (d) ensure that a business case is produced for each proposal over £100,000
Authorities/Duties Delegated Chief Executive SFI 12.4.10 (page 54)	Maintenance of asset registers (on advice from DoF).	Maintenance of asset registers and the Trust's capital policy through guidance from the Director of Finance and Performance
Standing Financial Instructions: Budget Holders SFI 12.3.8 (page 71)	Staff Appointments No officer or Member of the Trust Board or employee may engage, re-engage, or re-grade employees, either on a permanent or temporary nature, or hire agency staff, or agree to changes in any aspect of remuneration: (a) Unless authorised by the Chief Executive (b) within the approved limit of their approved budget and funded establishment	Staff Appointments No officer or Member of the Trust Board or employee may engage, re-engage, or re-grade employees, either on a permanent or temporary nature, or hire agency staff, or agree to changes in any aspect of remuneration unless: (a) it is within the limit of their approved budget and funded establishment, or (b) they are specifically authorised to do so by the Chief Executive;.

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Standing Financial Instructions: Capital Expenditure SFI 12.4.2 (page 73)	For every capital expenditure proposals the Chief Executive shall ensure: (a) that a business case is produced setting out: an option appraisal of potential benefits compared with known costs to determine the option with the highest ratio of benefits to costs; the involvement of appropriate Trust personnel and external agencies; appropriate project management and control arrangements;	For capital expenditure proposals in excess of £100,000 the Chief Executive shall ensure: (a) that a business case is produced setting out: an option appraisal of potential benefits compared with known costs to determine the option with the highest ratio of benefits to costs; the involvement of appropriate Trust personnel and external agencies; appropriate project management and control arrangements;
Standing Financial Instructions: Capital Expenditure SFI 12.4.3 (page 73)	Business cases below the £100k threshold, not cover by current SFI.	For capital projects below £100,000 the production of a business case is at the discretion of the Director of Finance and Performance