

Meeting	Trustee Board meeting
Date	21 March 2024
Title	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Strategy
Agenda item	10
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1.0 Purpose of paper

For Trustees to agree the new Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Strategy for the Trust.

2.0 Background

When the 5-year strategy was agreed in March 2023 it was agreed that a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning strategy would also be developed. This would articulate our approach to monitoring, evaluation and learning and underpin the aims of the strategy.

3.0 Key points of the strategy

- The MEL strategy links to three key elements of our overall grant strategy.
- The overarching principle for monitoring, evaluation and learning is that our systems will be rooted in only asking grantees for information that we will need and use.
- Reporting requirements will be framed in a way that isn't overly onerous but helps our grantees to reflect on their work and add value to their project delivery.
- We will continue to design our approach to grant management in a way that is supporting, enabling and trust based.
- We will build capacity within grantees by providing Upshot for them as part of their grant award. This is an easy-to-use online system for funders and deliverers of all sizes to monitor, evaluate and learn from their data.

4.0 Recommendation

Trustees are asked to review and agree the MEL strategy for implementation in April 2024.