

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ASSURANCE REPORT

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Committee Name:	Quality Assurance Committee
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Points of Escalation

- Nil.

Key Issues

- For the last few months the rate of falls had been increasing. Fortunately this has started to decrease. The rate of falls is now 5.5 per 1000 bed days, which is the lowest it has been since the benchmark of 6.6 per 1000 bed days in December 2019.
- There has been a significant decrease in the number of Covid-19 positive cases in February 2021 as the second wave improves. This is in line with the local and national picture. There has been a corresponding drop in staff with Covid-19 and nosocomial infections.
- Further analysis of our nosocomial Covid-19 cases will occur as a result of NHS E/I releasing guidance that requires all nosocomial Covid-19 cases where the patient dies within 28 days to be investigated as serious incidents (SIs) from February to May 2021.
- Pressure ulcers developed in the Trust still continue to be high, although there has been a slight reduction compared to last month. Medical device related pressure ulcers continue to increase. There were 32 category 2 and above pressure ulcers from medical devices in month. QAC were assured that action was taking place by seeing ward specific action plans in the pressure ulcer six month report for July to December 2020.
- The Trust wide HSMR is currently 108.0 and remains statistically significantly high. For Hinchingsbrooke Hospital the HSMR is 101.6, reduced from 102.8 last month and is in the 'as expected' range. QAC sought assurance that anticipated changes in coding practice at PCH will result in a reduction in HSMR as has been seen at Hinchingsbrooke.
- QAC discussed and agreed the priorities for the Quality Account 2021-22. This covers 13 areas across 4 domains. Topics include improving our mortality statistics, address health inequalities, and maximise safety in maternity services through the implementation of the Ockenden recommendations.

Risks

- QAC reviewed the risk register and BAF for risks and strategic goals aligned to the committee. A number of longstanding risks are being reviewed by the Exec with a view to closing or redefining in terms of new or outstanding risks.

Spotlight Outstanding Practice and Innovation

- QAC gained assurance over improvements in the Emergency Department at Peterborough City Hospital after the CQC published its final report following the unannounced inspection made on 21 December 2020. The report was positive and stated that the inspection team had observed how positively the Emergency Department team responded to winter pressures, and focussed specifically on patient safety, infection prevention and control, patient flow, workforce leadership and culture.

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