

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ASSURANCE REPORT

Presented for:	Information/Escalation/Decision
Committee Name:	Quality Assurance Committee
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Points of Escalation

- Nothing to escalate to Governors

Key Issues

Since the last report to Council of Governors, QAC would like to report:

- The Trust wide HSMR is currently 110.2, a small increase from last month, and remains statistically significantly high. For PCH the HSMR has increased from 111.8 to 116.5. For Hinchingbrooke Hospital the HSMR is 99.4, reduced from 101.6 last month and is in the 'as expected' range. Although the HSMR for Hinchingbrooke is improving, for the Trust and PCH it is not. The Trust Chief Medical Officer will be presenting further information to assure QAC. QAC has asked for this subject to be discussed at full Board.
- With the changes to the Trust Board subcommittees, the staffing report is presented to the People and Culture Committee on alternate months, and QAC monthly. QAC expressed that this arrangement may lead to a potential lack in monthly continuity as assurance is split between two committees. QAC recommends that the split assurance arrangement is reviewed after a couple of months.
- Last month QAC were pleased to hear that after a few months where the rate of falls had been increasing, there had been a decrease. This month there had been a slight increase, however the rate of inpatient falls per 1000 bed days remains below national average.
- Pressure ulcers per 1000 bed days remains high at 4.3 but has decreased for the last three months. The number of category 3 pressure ulcers has reduced from 14 to 3 in the last month.
- QAC and sepsis metrics were reported as showing high performance. However, there are pockets of variable or lower performance and QAC asked for further assurance that these important areas achieve consistently sustained levels across all areas of the Trust.

Risks

- QAC heard that there had been once case of MRSA bacteraemia last month within maternity at Hinchingbrooke. This is being investigated as a serious incident. Early findings have highlighted inadequate screening of the patient. More detail will be included in next month's report.

- The Risk register and BAF were reviewed. QAC sought assurance on the BAF items led by the Chief Nursing and Medical Officers.

Spotlight Outstanding Practice and Innovation

- A draft of the Quality Account for 2020/21 was re-reviewed. QAC felt it was an excellent document and highlighted many areas of good care in the Trust. One example commended by QAC was the use of tablet computers during the pandemic, allowing patients, families and clinical staff to have video calls. QAC asked to hear the response from stakeholders before it is presented to the full Board.
- QAC received the Dementia Report Q3/Q4 2020/21. The report presented several priorities and actions, plus Trust performance in the care of patients with dementia. QAC were assured about the care being provided to those with dementia and that screening levels in appropriate patients was 97.9% in Q4.
- QAC also received the NWAFT Research and Development report Q3/Q4 2020/21. The team have been active in the NIHR Research response to the pandemic and have focused on the delivery of Urgent Public Health Studies, including over the last 6 months the delivery of the Novovax vaccine trial in collaboration primary care.

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