

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ASSURANCE REPORT

Presented for:	Information/Escalation
Committee Name:	Quality Assurance Committee
Presented by:	Dr Mark Sanderson Non-Executive Director and Committee Chair
Date of Committee Meeting:	27 July 2021

Items received by the committee for assurance:

Agenda Item		Level of Assurance	Board Action Required? <small>(double click to select)</small>
2.1	Quality Report (June 2021) (for information and discussion)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	DIPC Report (June 2021) including Thematic Analysis of nosocomial Covid-19 cases (June – July 2021) (for information and discussion)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2.1	Thematic Analysis of C. difficile cases (April 2020 – March 2021) (for information and discussion)		<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2.2	C. difficile Action Tracker (for information and discussion)		<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2.4	IPC BAF action plan (for information and discussion)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Maternity Report (June 2021) (for information and discussion)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Risk register monthly summary and report for high and significant risks aligned to QAC (July 2021) (for information and discussion)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Board Assurance Framework (July 2021) (for information and discussion)	Reasonable	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.10	CQC Action Plan Update Report (for information)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.11	Clinical Risk Annual Report (2020/21) (for approval)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.12	Emergency Department Patient Survey Summary (for information)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.14	Learning from Deaths Q1 Report (2021/22) (for information)	Reasonable	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.15	Quality Account priorities 2021/22 Q1 update (for information)	Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>

POINTS OF ESCALATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSMR was discussed in the Quality Report and BAF agenda items. The Trust wide HSMR is currently 113.4 having risen from 112.8 last month and remains statistically significantly high. For PCH the HSMR has increased from 118.4 to 120.2. For Hinchingbrooke Hospital the HSMR has decreased from 104.2 to 102.5. QAC discussed this at length and felt the BAF assurance rating should be changed from substantial to reasonable assurance as there continued to be no reduction in Trust HSMR. This will be reviewed monthly.
KEY ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an improvement in sepsis screening in ED. Last month had seen a reduction where different clinical judgements by clinicians was a factor. The rate of falls continues to improve, with a fifth consecutive month below the Trust benchmark of 6.6 falls per 1000 bed days. Business continuity plans across directorates are improving. Only maternity has 100% of plans in date. The number of reopened complaints has increased to 10, which is an increase in month. QAC asked for further information about the nature of the complaints. The number of safeguarding adult concerns raised by the Trust has been increasing since the end of 2020 and is flagging as a high special cause concern on the dashboard. QAC discussed the many causes of this in May. QAC where informed on the new IPC guidance that allows staff who are contacted by NHS Test and Trace to return to work if certain conditions are fulfilled, including an individual risk assessment signed off by the DIPC. QAC reviewed the Learning from Deaths Q1 Report. QAC asked for more information to gain assurance on how lessons learnt and themes from substandard care are disseminated and improved across the Trust.
BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK & RISKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAF and risks related to QAC and the CN and CMO were reviewed. The BAF assurance from QAC has changed as outlined in points of escalation.
CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING PRACTICE & INNOVATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QAC received the Emergency Department patient survey summary. This was commended for its easy presentation style, especially with triangulation of the survey with Trust data and external data when appropriate, e.g. from Model Hospital. QAC received the Trust Clinical Risk Annual Report which gave substantial assurance about how the Trust manages clinical risk.

LEVELS OF ASSURANCE

Level	Description of Level of Assurance
Substantial Assurance	The report highlighted a sound system of control, designed to address the relevant risks with controls being consistently applied. Highly unlikely to impair the achievement of both system and strategic objectives.
Reasonable Assurance	The report did not highlight any material weaknesses in the system of internal control that would present material risks to the achievement of both system and strategic objectives.
Partial Assurance	The report highlighted some material weaknesses in the system of internal control that would present material risks to the achievement of system objectives. May also impair achievement of strategic objectives.
Limited Assurance	The report highlighted significant material weaknesses in the system of internal control that would present material risks to the achievement of both system and strategic objectives.