

## BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE ASSURANCE REPORT

<b>Presented for:</b>	Information/Escalation
<b>Committee Name:</b>	Quality Assurance Committee
<b>Presented by:</b>	Dr Christine Hill Non-Executive Director standing in for Committee Chair Dr Mark Sanderson
<b>Date of Committee Meeting:</b>	26 October 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	Reasonable assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Quality account priorities	Reasonable assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	DPIC report	Reasonable assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Maternity report	Reasonable assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.6	Mortality report	Reasonable assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.7	Risk register	Substantial assurance	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>POINTS OF ESCALATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion took place re against the reporting of Maternity SI to Boards as set out in the Ockendon review. A suggested approach will come to future Board for discussion.</li> </ul>
<b>KEY ISSUES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff recruitment last month- 60 FTE new starters including 13 midwives. This includes recruitment from overseas. A new deputy head of midwifery has started and will focus on Hinchingsbrooke and community services.</li> <li>Covid admissions to critical care and the number of covid deaths have increased since the previous month. 5% of patient deaths were due to covid in July and Sept having been 0% in the previous 3 months.</li> <li>CDiff remains over trajectory at 63 vs 53 local target. There is an action plan in place including improving antibiotic stewardship, but we need to improve engagement of medical staff with our scrutiny panels and the use of our root cause analysis tool.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The aggregated Trust HSMR is showing improvement and is now within the expected range at 10, however PCH remains significant at 114. The mortality improvement plan continues to be monitored at QAC.</li> <li>Gaps and / or omissions in the fundamentals of care have been identified as key issues relating to findings in SI and Never Events, it is recognised that this is impacted when staffing is challenged. It was agreed to focus specific quality improvement projects to address culture and safety.</li> </ul>
<b>BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK &amp; RISKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk 102278 – Legionella management and control- significant risk rated 15. Water filters at Hinchingsbrooke that have been in situ since 2019. Two consecutive tests for legionella are clear and a plan is in place to remove filters whilst maintaining a regular testing regime.</li> <li>New risk added to the risk register – 103359 – increased falls risk not consistent with national average. Action plan in place and risk will be monitored monthly through the risk register.</li> <li>New risk added to the risk register – 103360 – Failure to recognise and respond to patients with sepsis in a timely manner. Action plan in place and risk will be monitored monthly through the risk register.</li> </ul>
<b>CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING PRACTICE &amp; INNOVATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maternity nominated for two national patient safety awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RAHAM project – grass roots community user focusing on south east Asian women engagement.</li> <li>-Introduction of hypoxia in labour tool which has reduced HIE rates and transfers for active cooling treatment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### 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.