

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:	31 May 2022

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 (April 2022)	Reasonable	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	DIPC Report (April 2022) and Thematic Analysis of nosocomial Covid 19 Cases (April 2022)	Reasonable	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Maternity Report (April 2022)	Reasonable	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Mortality Report (April 2022)	Partial	<input type="checkbox"/>

POINTS OF ESCALATION	
KEY ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED corridor care / inpatient boarding continues to be the highest reported incident for the Trust. For April 2022 at the PCH site there were 257 patients that received boarding or cohorting in ED or an inpatient area, compared to 272 in March 2022. HSMR continues to improve. The latest HSMR for the Trust in May was 100.9, with PCH being 110.6 and Hinchingsbrooke 86.9. PCH remains statistically significantly high, with Hinchingsbrooke and the overall Trust HSMR in the 'as expected' range. QAC were informed verbally that the review of coding to be performed by an external Trust is due to happen in a September. Concern was raised that the review was taking a long time to organise. QAC decided to keep the assurance rating as partial assurance as, even though the HSMR is improving, there was still a large discrepancy between the figures of the two acute sites and all the causes of our high HSMR have not been established. The number of complaints in month has halved from previous months, however, the total number of complaints reopened due to dissatisfaction from complainant with the original response has increased in month. VTE assessments has been slowly decreasing and is 90.2% against a compliance rate of 95%. The Trust has not met the target for over 12 months. Surgery has the lowest compliance rate at 86%. QAC discussed

	<p>this issue and heard that several interventions have been highlighted and implemented to address this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The covid day three and six inpatient swabs are still low. Nationally it has been recommended to move to using lateral flow tests for day 3 and day 5-7 swabbing. The Trust has not implemented this change and continues to do PCR tests because there is felt to be no robust way to report the swab results either internally or up to UK HAS. Work is ongoing to find a way of managing this. • QAC again discussed the need for staff to record data appropriately in the correct record. This was illustrated by a Root Cause Analysis of Covid-19 Hospital acquired infections in April 2022. 51% (35) had no or a late day 3 swab and 41% (28) had no or a late day 5-7 swab. Audit shows that in most cases a swab test was performed but was not recorded. The issue was escalated to the full Board last month with a request to add it to the Trusts' risk register.
BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK & RISKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes were made to the risk ratings for risks aligned to QAC. • The BAF was not on the agenda this month.
CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING PRACTICE & INNOVATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QAC were pleased to receive the chaplain's report. QAC thanked the chaplain for the report, all her hard work, and wished her well as she moves to a role in another Trust.

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.