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Title of Report:	Ockenden Review of Maternity Services	
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Appendices	Assurance report	

1. Executive Summary of the Report

On Thursday 11 December 2020, the first report of the independent review into maternity services at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust was launched. The first report outlines the local actions for learning for the Trust and immediate and essential actions for the Trust and wider system that are required to be implemented now to improve safety in maternity services for the Trust and across England.

Following commencement of the review in 2017, the number of family cases to be considered has increased from the original 23 to 1,862, with the majority of incidents occurring between the years 2000 to 2019.

Due to the rise in the number of family cases for review, the team agreed to publish this first report which makes clear recommendations in the form of Local Actions for Learning and Immediate and Essential Actions for the Trust and maternity services across England in order to improve maternity safety.

7 Immediate and Essential Actions (IEA) have been identified to redouble efforts to bring forward lasting improvements in maternity services.

Trusts are required to implement the full set of the Ockenden IEAs. However, 12 urgent clinical priorities have been identified from the 7 IEAs which the RUH were required to confirm implementation on 21 December 2020. The Trust was required to complete a Assurance and Assessment tool as well as confirming that they have a plan in place to meet the Birthrate Plus (BR+) standard by 31 January 2021 confirming timescales for implementation which has been completed.

This report gives the committee oversight of the Assurance and Assessment tool completed by the maternity services and submitted as well as ongoing commitment to providing the assurance as requested by the revised date of 15th February 2021.

2. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss)

To note the contents of the report

3. Legal / Regulatory Implications Initial assurance required to be submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement by

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21st December. Further assurance provided by 15th February (revised date) 2021

4.	Risk (Threats or opportunities, link to a risk on the Risk Register, Board
	Assurance Framework etc)

All managed risks contained within report

5. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)

Resource implications will be defined in action requirements

6. **Equality and Diversity**

NA

7. References to previous reports

NA

8. Freedom of Information

Private