

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	14
Date of Meeting:	6th July 2022		

Title of Report:	Quality Governance Committee Update Report
Status:	For Information
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Appendices:	None

Purpose

To update the Board of Directors on the activity of the Quality Governance Committee meeting held on 14th June 2022.

Background

The Quality Governance Committee is one of five assurance Committees supporting the Board of Directors in fulfilling its objectives. The Committee is responsible for testing the robustness and effectiveness of the clinical systems and processes operating within the Trust to provide assurance to the Board of Directors.

Business Undertaken

- Quality BAF Risks
- Quality Account Update and Next Steps
- CQC Update
- Divisional Governance Reports
- Q4 Claims and Inquests Report
- Q4 Learning from Deaths Report
- Q4 Incident Report
- Q4 Patient Experience Report
- HSIB Maternity Cases
- Patient Safety Group Update
- IPC Update
- Quality Report
- Work Plan

Key Risks and their Impact on the Organisation

- There was now a new risk added to the BAF which specifically related to maternity;
- The Governance, Lead, FASS highlighted that there was a risk with Obstetric staffing which needed to be addressed;
- The Governance Lead, FASS, highlighted problems in Oncology relating to 4-5 week waits for urgent appointment and a Never Event which was currently being investigated;
- The Governance Lead, FASS, highlighted an issue relating to Breast Radiology capacity but this was slowly being addressed through increased sessions.

Key Decisions and Issues

- The Committee noted the ongoing work and the plan for preparing for a CQC inspection;
- The Medical Director undertook to follow-up an issue relating to waiting times in Cardiology;
- The Committee noted the Divisional Updates provided and the useful triangulation that these reports provided;
- The Committee noted the Q4 Claims and Inquests Report;
- It was agreed that, exceptionally, the Q4 Learning from Deaths Report should be circulated outside of the meeting and any comments should be reported back to the Medical Director;
- The Committee noted the Q4 Incident Report;
- The Committee noted the Q4 Patient Experience Report;
- The Committee discussed at length the HSIB Maternity Update. The Committee sought to understand in detail the drivers of current challenges in Maternity and the work ongoing to mitigate the current issues. Given the importance of this issue and the fast-moving situation, it was agreed that a short update brief should be provided to the next Board, with further information about the high level of risk within Maternity;
- The Committee noted the IPC Update and that new guidance had been circulated relating to the wearing of masks within the Trust;
- The Committee noted the Quality Report;
- The Chair requested that he and the Head of Corporate Governance should meet again to discuss the Work Plan.

Exceptions and Challenges

None identified.

Governance and Other Business

The meeting was convened according to the revised Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Future Business

The Quality Governance Committee will continue to follow the work programme as driven from the Board Assurance Framework (BAF) but with a more holistic assessment of overall clinical risks, e.g. currently post-COVID 19 recovery.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board of Directors note this report.