

Council of Governors

Date:	10 th March 2022
Agenda item:	7
Title:	Board Monitoring Group Report
Items:	Enclosed

Board Monitoring Group

12/01/2022, 14:25

Governors present:

Gill Little, Lead Governor

Areas of Focus:

- The focus was on the major risks faced by the Trust at this time, as a critical internal incident status continues, due to the pressures faced by the pandemic. Chiefly – staff shortages, staff appraisal and training. Staff wellbeing and support, complaints, moderate and significant harm arising from falls which has increased in November, infection control and other quality parameters included within operational and performance reports.
- Assurance was sought from Ian Orpen, NED and Claire Radley Director for People with regard to the staff vaccination status, following the introduction of formal legislation last week. Claire was able to offer reassurance and assurance that adequate awareness exists and planning is in place to comply with the legislation.
- Input was sought by Alison Ryan from Anthony Durbacz NED, relating to the involvement of the Audit committee on clinical audit, and whether this work is also open to review by the Audit committee. Bernie Marden Medical Director explained that clinical audit is governed by the Quality Board and overseen by Quality Governance Committee. It does not currently have a later referral to the Audit committee for validation. Bernie agreed that this may benefit from some scrutiny and will undertake to discuss further internally.
- A continuing point of order for speakers at this Public Board Meeting. It would be helpful for observers to hear an introduction from new speakers, when for example they may be responding to a question and have been invited to comment. This would only be necessary once but means that the public can gain the full name and title of the speaker, as opposed to just a Christian name.
- There was a dearth of challenge from NEDs at this meeting, and an absence of questions from the public. As such, the meeting finished some 40 minutes early. The consequence of hearing little challenge from the NEDS is the lost opportunity for attending Governors to see assurance sought and gained from the Board, by the NEDS. With regard to the public, is the membership office encouraging public and members to pose questions for the Board members in advance of the meeting?

BMG meeting ended at 14:45.