

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC		Date: 27th November 2014 Agenda Item: 2.4	
REPORT TITLE:		SAFETY & QUALITY COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE	
NON- EXECUTIVE SPONSOR:		Richard Shaw Chair Safety & Quality Committee	
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REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)		SQC 6 th November 2014	
Action Required:			
Approval	Discussion (√)	Assurance (√)	
Summary of Key Issues			
The report provides a summary of the key agenda items which were discussed at the Safety and Quality Committee in November 2014.			
Relationship to Trust Strategic Objectives & Assurance Framework:			
SO1: Safe -Deliver safe services and be in the top 20% against our peers			
Corporate Impact Assessment:			
Legal and regulatory implications	Relates to CQC compliance		
Financial implications	CQUIN delivers 2.5% of Trust income		
Patient Experience/Engagement	Improving patient experience is fundamental to the work of this committee		
Risk & Performance Management	Assurance given		
NHS Constitution/Equality & Diversity/Communication	Relevant to the work of the committee		
Attachments: N/A			

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SAFETY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

The Safety and Quality Committee met on 6th November. It considered its standing agenda items; the report from October of ECQR, the SQC Dashboard and reports of meetings from CQRM. The committee noted the conversations that are ongoing with commissioners regarding stroke services with the local health community and significant differences in the use of national data and efforts to redesign services. The committee received significant assurance from discussions regarding the CQC intelligence monitoring risk profile which is likely to continue to record the trust in the lowest risk band (Band 6)

Quality Report

The Committee discussed the quality report and focused on data quality in theatre usage and emergency readmissions. The committee took reassurance from resolved issues in data quality and the impact on Dr Foster benchmarking, but agreed that efforts to influence and effect improvements in the local health systems were key to resolve readmission issues.

The committee focused on elements of the quality report that reflected on safeguarding and agency use. The Committee was reassured that agency staff usage did not represent a clear risk to quality of care and noted incidents where nursing cover was at a significantly higher level of experience than plan, because junior staff were not available.

QGAF and Action Plans

The committee noted the recent feedback from Deloitte's review of board quality governance and the significant improvements that been achieved since the first review. The committee noted the ongoing need to improve systems of shared learning and the commitment required to ensure the success of the quality walks. The committee discussed the importance of monitoring quality effects of cost improvement plans and requested regular updates.

The Maternal Mental Health Pathway

The committee received a clinical audit presentation regarding the maternal mental health pathway. The national and Trust data presented a picture of significant difficulty and risk associated with the management of patients on the pathway. The audit benchmarked effectiveness of local pathways with national data focusing on the management of patients identified that presented a risk to themselves or others. The committee was significantly reassured by the efforts made by Trust clinicians to manage patients safely, but went onto to note the need and efforts to improve and influence external pathways with local commissioners.

Falls management

The committee received an update report on falls management which indicated good progress but highlighted the commitment to continue to improve systems. The committee was assured by the report and the recent appointment of a Nurse Consultant for Patient Safety and Falls.

Shared learning

The Chief Nurse provided a verbal update on the recent efforts to improve shared learning. The committee noted strong elements of shared learning at divisional and specialty level and agreed that there was work to be done to improve learning across the whole system. The committee gained strong assurance from the plan to roll out a system of shared learning in practice and plans to build systems to support recording and review of issues identified post incident.

The Safety and Quality Committee met on 2 October. The meeting was observed by Suraj Bassi and Jessica McGrath from Deloitte's and attended by Karen Devani from East Surrey CCG.

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