

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC		Date: 18th December 2014	
		Agenda Item: 2.4	
REPORT TITLE:		SAFETY & QUALITY COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE	
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REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)		SQC 4 th December 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 December 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 4th December. It considered its standing agenda items; the report from November of ECQR, the SQC Dashboard and reports of meetings from CQRM.

The committee noted the actions planned to reduce the number of open SI reports, the recent review into elective deaths which has not found underlying concerns, and the monitoring of formal complaints to understand if the recent increase is a trend.

The Committee also noted the discussions in CQRM about the management of operational pressures and the CCG actions that arise from the CQC action plan. It is hoped that there may be CCG attendance at the next SQC meeting to provide an update on this.

Quality Report

The Committee discussed the quality report. It noted the operational pressures in the hospital but recognized that this issue was being discussed in depth at the Trust Board. It was encouraged to see that the Trust is considering opportunities to use NICE quality standards to drive priority improvements in services. Achievement of NICE standards is a marker of high quality care that is consistent with a CQC Outstanding rating.

The committee focused on the use and audit of the World Health organization surgical checklist. The committee gained assurance from the use of the tool in theatres, endoscopy, angiography and interventional Radiology. The committee was encouraged to hear the plans to film teams using the checklist which has been demonstrated as a powerful tool for reflection and learning.

Mortality by Exception Report

The committee received a presentation on the scrutiny given to mortality figures in the Trust, using a range of different approaches. These include HSMR, Dr Foster Alerts, death in low risk diagnosis groups and specific monitored conditions such as fractured neck of femur. The Committee received good assurance not only that mortality rates in the Trust are within the range that might be predicted and the local benchmarking analysis, but that any unexpected trends or incidents are reviewed quickly to understand if they give rise to implications for the safety and quality of care.

CQC Intelligent Monitoring Report

The committee received the latest quarterly report from the CQC, published in December. This confirms that the Trust's risk rating remains at Band 6 (the lowest risk level) and that only one of the four areas of concern in the previous quarter's report remains highlighted. This elevated risk relates to the proportion of patients whose operation was cancelled in the period April-June 2014. The Committee congratulated staff on the effective management of risk, as assessed by the CQC, while noting that operational pressures remain considerable and are reflected in the Trust's Board Assurance Framework and Significant Risk Register.

Interim Position on Falls Data for 2014/15

The committee received an interim report on falls management covering the first six months of the current financial year. This indicated a reduction in the number of falls in the first two quarters of 2014/15 compared to the last two quarters of 2013/14. The Committee was assured by this trend and the continuing focus on falls management. It also welcomed the appointment of a Nurse Consultant for Patient Safety and Falls, who

has just started his new role in the Trust. The Committee asked that future reports, as far as possible, should include comparative data on falls with harm as well as overall numbers of falls, and that efforts should be made to include benchmarking data against other Trusts.

Divisional Audit Programme Progress Report

The Committee received a progress report on the mid-year position of the clinical audit programme for the four Divisions. Progress in registering and completing audits has been made across all four Divisions. However, while there were some excellent examples of learning from audits, this was less consistently demonstrated across the Divisions. The Committee welcomed the development of a template, which should aid consistency of presentation and reporting, identify the audits' impact on quality and facilitate sharing of learning. The Committee noted that planning for the audit programmes for 2015/16 will ensure closer links with the Specialty Risk Registers and the BAF, as well as themes from Incidents and Complaints.

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