

Quality Assurance Committee

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Report for Trust Board and GQSC from Quality Assurance Committee 6th December 2018

Summary

Assurance was provided on clinical quality through a variety of data sources, verbal reports and discussion.

Regular reports received included:

- Integrated Quality and Operational Compliance Report October 2018
- Cluster Updates from Unplanned Care, Planned Care and Maternity
- An update on Transformation projects and their impact on quality
- Serious Incident Reports from Oct and Nov 2018
- Clinical risks red rated or not reducing
- Clinical audit reports
- Quality Priorities Report

A report on the National Cancer Survey and an update into the Haematology and Anti Coagulation External Review (March 2017) were also received.

The Committee was delighted to hear of a range of Awards that staff and departments have received for high quality care.

There are no items that require input from the Board. The following is for information.

IPPR: Safety

The Committee noted the work that is going on to manage pressure ulcers and falls. Increased resources and focus is containing a problem which could otherwise be increasing as the number of frail, elderly patients' increases.

KPIs on sepsis were discussed. Various actions should have an impact including pharmacists placed in ED, nurse administration through PGDs and prescribing, linkage between NEWS2 and EPR. Sepsis is now monitored through the Deteriorating Patient Group.

Cluster Updates

The Committee was assured of a programme of education and training supporting the commencement of Bariatric Surgery at KHFT. A post anaesthetic care unit will support the particular needs of these patients.

The Committee heard that commissioners wish to reduce sexual health services to four days. KHFT is challenging the intentions and will report back.

The recruitment of paediatric trained nurses is a challenge but contingency plans are in place to ensure the care of children is not affected. HONs reported collaborative working across wards and ED to ensure cover.

Risk Management

Brexit was discussed and the Chief Pharmacist's report on supply of medicines gave similar assurance to that received at the Trust Board.

It was reported that the risk to the deteriorating patient was further reduced following the appointment of four new critical care outreach nurses.

National cancer Survey and Action Plan

The responses from patients reflected the assurance gained around KHFT cancer services in other reports. The survey was undertaken in July 2017 and published in 2018. As a Trust we have seen overall improvement on 34 of the 57 questions. Whilst we have dropped slightly on 18, actions already in place will improve these e.g. the appointment of a clinical nurse specialist in haematology. Improvement methodology is being used to ensure further progress in all three services.

Clinical Audits

A thorough programme of national and local audits and monitoring of progress against NICE Guidelines and Quality Standards is in place with robust follow up on areas of concern.

The one area of concern has been KHFT performance in the National Diabetic Foot Audit. The Committee was assured that a further audit had been undertaken, presented at the Quality Improvement Committee and provided assurance of improvement. This will continue to be monitored.

The Annual Report of the Clinical Effectiveness Committee was received.

Haematology and Anti Coagulation External Review

This was undertaken in March 2017 after three serious clinical incidents. The action plan has been completed however Allan Jones reported continuing work in this service around governance and culture led by himself, Dr Zaid Abboudi and the service line manager. This work is having an impact and is ensuring that all staff are engaged in improvement work. The Committee asked for a further report on the service in late 2018.

Quality Priorities/Transformation Projects

The Committee noted progress on reporting the Quality Priorities and commented positively on the format of the report. Progress particularly on flow, elective theatre work and outpatients was reported. The Committee were assured that there were no risks to clinical quality arising from these projects. Indeed to the contrary there were improvements in length of hospital stay and in care being received in the right setting as reflected in KPIs.

Learning from the Gosport Report

The Committee received assurance that this report had been reviewed and were advised why the risks of such practice going undetected at KHFT were considered minimal. There are two ongoing areas for further reporting to QAC. The first area is led by the Chief Pharmacist and involves various actions around medicines management both locally and nationally. The second is in relation to whether staff feel able to speak up if they see poor care. The Committee was assured that processes such as the Speak up Guardian and the Chaplaincy service are critical in this but in addition the importance of speaking up and of listening to those who do is an integral part of induction, leadership training, mortality reviews, Schwartz rounds and shared learning reports. It was the results of the next staff survey will give further insight into this area.