

## Emergency Preparedness

<b>Trust Board</b>	<b>Item: 13</b>
<b>Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	<b>Enclosure: I</b>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b> To report to the Board on the 2019-20 Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Assurance outcome and the Trust's declaration and self-assessment against the NHS Core Standards 2019-20	
<b>For: Information</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Assurance</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Discussion and input</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Decision/approval</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>Risk Implications – Link to Assurance Framework or Corporate Risk Register:</b>	NHS England and Improvement EPRR Core Standards Statutory requirement under the Civil Contingences Act 2004
<b>Legal / Regulatory / Reputation Implications:</b>	Statutory requirement under the Civil Contingences Act 2004
<b>Link to Relevant CQC Domain:</b> <b>Safe</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Effective</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Caring</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Responsive</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Well Led</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Link to Relevant Strategic Theme(s):</b>	Quality, Sustainability
<b>Document Previously Considered By:</b>	Emergency Preparedness Group
<b>Recommendations:</b>  The Trust Board is asked to note the level of EPRR Assurance achieved	

## 2019–20 Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Assurance outcome

### Introduction

EPRR is defined by a series of statutory responsibilities under the Civil Contingencies Act (2004) and the Health and Social Care Act (2012), which requires NHS funded organisations to maintain robust capabilities to plan for, and respond to, incidents or emergencies that could impact on health or services to patients. The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 delivers a legislative framework for the provision of civil protection in the United Kingdom, ensuring consistency of planning, whilst setting clear responsibilities for frontline responders for responding and recovering from incidents.

It is a requirement of NHS funded organisations annually to complete a self-assessment against the NHS Core Standards for EPRR, along with an additional section on a specific aspect in order for NHS England and NHS Improvement to carry out a deep dive exercise. This year's EPRR assurance deep dive topic was severe weather and climate adaptation.

### Overall level of compliance

In accordance with the requirements laid out in the EPRR 2019 – 20 Assurance Process Letter (9th July 2019), the overall level of compliance is based on the total number of amber and red ratings.

### Main Assurance

In respect of Kingston Hospital for Main Assurance Core Standards 1 – 69, the following RAG ratings were agreed at the review meeting with NHS England and NHS Improvement

Kingston Hospital is **100%** compliant with the core standards and therefore has an assessed level of compliance of **FULLY COMPLIANT**

Green ratings	Amber ratings	Red ratings
69	0	0

### Deep Dive Assurance

An additional set of questions on severe weather and climate adaptation was the 'deep dive' topic for this year. In respect of Kingston Hospital for Deep Dive Standards 1 - 20, the following RAG ratings were agreed at the review meeting with NHS England and NHS Improvement.

Kingston Hospital is **100%** compliant with the Deep Dive Topic

Green ratings	Amber ratings	Red ratings
20	0	0

### Identified areas of good practice

The following areas have been identified as good practice:

- EPRR Policy – V03.00 (demonstration of EPRR assurance rating).
- Major Incident and Mass Casualty Plan - V14.00
- Core Standard 26 – EPRR Training (comprehensive training suitably aligned to organisational risks).

## **Key priorities for the next twelve months**

The key priorities as identified at the assurance review meeting for the next twelve months include:

- EU Exit
- Delivery of a live Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and explosive (CBRNe) exercise
- Continuing the Trust Business Continuity Cycle
- Increased EPRR Training to include:
  - Use of Evacuation Aids
  - ED
    - Major Incident and CBRNe
  - On-Call Manager and Director
    - Strategic and Tactical Incident Command Training
  - Advanced Site Practitioners
    - Major Incident
  - Multi-agency training in collaboration with Kingston Borough Resilience Forum
  - “Big Drill” evacuation exercise programme
- Reviewing plans and procedures to align to any new or updated guidance released by the NHS England National Team.

## **Recommendations**

The Trust Board is asked to note the level of EPRR assurance achieved.