

Quality Assurance Committee Report

Trust Board 28th July 2022	Item: 15
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This report has been produced for the Trust Board Meeting to provide an update on discussions held at the Quality Assurance Committee in June 2022.	
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Recommendations:	
Discuss any concerns with regards to trends highlighted in the report.	

**Quality Assurance Committee 15th June 2022
Report for Trust Board 28th July 2022 and
Governor’s Quality Scrutiny Committee 13th July 2022**

Summary

Assurance was provided on clinical quality through a variety of data sources, verbal reports, presentations and ensuing discussions. Nic Kane and Tracey Moore, gave an update on current activity. Services have recently been under slightly less pressure with numbers in A&E reducing, patients being discharged home or into community care more readily and the Trusts ability to manage elective backlogs is improving. However, it is not clear exactly why this is and activity may increase again.

Regular reports received for 'quality assurance and control' were:

- The April 2022 Integrated Performance Report – this had been discussed at the May Board and was therefore tabled for information.
- The SI report for May 2022
- Quarter 4 reports from clinical audit
- Quarter 1 Triangulation Report

Key Items discussed under quality improvement were:

- No items were discussed as time was dedicated to introducing and orientating our new patient safety partner, Sue Strudwick

Items considered under Governance were:

- CNST maternity standards
- The BAF Trust wide risk register

Issues to note

- The Committee noted that there is a need to change dates of QAC meetings to ensure QAC can scrutinise the most recent IPR. It was also noted that work is now underway to review the data presented in the IPR and to ensure that LSCS rates are reported in accordance with standards set by NHSE.
- The new Triangulation report was received for Q1. This is a collation of a number of quality indicators which then enables themes and trends related to quality be recognised. Various suggestions were given as to how future reports might be developed with Committee members being particularly keen to see how various indicators inter relate and to see trends over time against national benchmarks.
- The Committee were pleased to receive a Transformation and Productivity update and stressed the need to involve front line clinicians at an early stage in discussions about the possibility of productivity improvements. The Committee also noted that the quality and equality impact assessments being undertaken for these schemes should link through to the Equality and Diversity Committee.

- The Committee discussed current staffing levels and noted that staff across the Trust are now looking for very different working patterns/different work-life balance. This will impact on the design of posts and our offers of employment need to be cognisant of an approach to work which wants more flexibility and, for many, more part time working.
- A verbal update on the new CNST standards for maternity services stressed that these place increasing demands on services each year. The main problems identified for maternity in meeting these standards relate to firstly the ongoing difficulty of having to manually input minimum data requirements because of ongoing problems with Cerner and secondly problems sourcing equipment needed to comply with standards around carbon monoxide monitoring.
- Assurance was given to the Committee that the organisation was focused on resolving issues in the REU. These are multifactorial but have resulted in patients being lost to follow up. A paper is going to EMC and a further update will be brought to QAC.

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