
Public Board Meeting, Thursday 25th March 2010

Briefing: Integrated Risk and Governance Committee: 21 January 2010

Presented by: Colin Johnston, Director of Patient Safety

The Terms of Reference It was noted that Sarah Connor would be joining the Committee as Deputy Chair from April. The size of the membership was reviewed following concerns from auditors however it was acknowledged this was a new Committee and it was important that membership represented a good balance between Clinical and Managerial staff.

Health and Safety A brief update was provided following the HSE inspection in which it was noted there was a detailed action plan in place. A full report will be provided to the March meeting.

IT Continuity A presentation was made on the work of the cross divisional group set up to establish continuity plans in the event of interruption to key IT services. It was noted that all the critical IT systems have instant 24-hour call out. The environmental risks were considered and the Committee was satisfied that the risks are being adequately managed.

Risk Management Arrangements The Chair returned to the discussion that took place at the inaugural meeting of the Committee, which sought to address the issue of the risk appetite of the Trust and the need to fully embed risk management as intrinsic to business as usual. The CEO noted that if divisional risks are to be discussed, consideration should be given to extending the membership to Divisional Managers.

The Chair suggested that for future meetings, each Division could present on a risk topic that was presenting challenges. This was left to further consideration.

The Committee discussed the role of Divisional Boards in managing risks and the importance of ownership, not just of the risk, but the controls and actions in place to manage the risk.

The Committee reviewed the **High Level Risk Register** and it was noted that further work is required to achieve more consistent scoring.

The risk relating to the implementation of PACS2 was discussed and the problems achieving the infrastructure upgrades necessary. This requires WHHT systems to support SmardCard software and will require purchase of additional PCs.

The Committee was briefed on the state of readiness for the forthcoming **CNST assessment of Maternity Services**, at Level II.

Members circulated the draft of the Risk Maturity Review undertaken by the Internal Auditors for review and comment.

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Thursday 18th March 2010