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**Title of Paper:** Integrated Risk and Governance Committee 10 November 2011

**Presented by:** Mahdi Hasan, Chair

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**1. Purpose of Paper**

To brief the Board on the issues discussed at the Integrated Risk and Governance sub-committee.

**2. AAU**

CP reported on improvements being achieved in AAU to mitigate the risks recorded on the BAF. The Clinical Decision Unit opened in October and whereas in the previous year to date the Trust failed to achieve the 95% waiting target for 3 of the reporting months, this target had been achieved in each month of this year. For patients this meant that whereas at October 2010 360 patients had waited more than 4 hours, this year the figure had reduced to 209 patients. CP reported that the Trust is now in a better position to manage the pressures that can be anticipated through the winter months.

**3. Board Assurance Framework**

The Committee noted the recent Deep Dive Review of the BAF queried the continued recording of HCAI risks. The Committee agreed that although the likelihood is within tolerance this is a result of ongoing and focused mitigating actions. The trajectories are so low that even with stringent controls they could be breached and the impact of this on patient care and confidence in the Trust remains high.

**4. Serious Incidents**

The Committee received an update on serious incidents and CJ confirmed that apart from the issue of never events, there are no significant themes to the serious incidents. The maternity never events triggered a number of immediate remedial actions and a full-scale review of maternity theatres which is informing the Maternity Theatres Improvement Plan.

**5. NHSLA**

The meeting received an update on achieving compliance with the 8 of the 9 standards that did not meet level 2 criteria in the recent NHSLA assessment, and on maintaining ongoing compliance with the 41 standards passed. The remaining standard, 2.2.4 is being addressed via the Deanery Action Plan.

**6. Complaints, Litigation, Incidents and PALS referrals Group (CLIP)**

The Committee received details of the recent Complaints, Litigation, Incidents and PALS Concerns (CLIP) meeting and endorsed the development of a more focused report, based around a balanced scorecard with supporting evidence of actions taken and outcomes achieved. The Committee believed this was an excellent platform from which to integrate safety and quality into overall Trust performance.

**7. Business Risk Register**

The Committee agreed to a proposal to create a Business Risk Register, to be monitored by BISE, which will ensure corporate risks not otherwise reflected in divisional risk registers, and not high enough to be recorded on the BAF could be overseen.

**8. Big Ask**

The Committee was advised that clinicians strongly believe that decisions relating to the big ask are not compromising patient safety rather that, through the auspices of a risk based approach, investment was directed where risks were identified, examples being the AAU risks and the Maternity risks which have informed significant capital investment in year.