

Item 08/12 - Report of the IRGC meeting on 8 Nov 2012 to WHHT Board on 29 Nov 2012

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Introduction

The quality of information and dialogue at the IRGC remains objective and relevant and the continuity and effectiveness of information with the CQuaC is appropriate. Risk Management training within a broad swathe of the Trust is now well established and its ongoing maturity will provide the Trust with an increasingly effective governance tool.

Board Assurance Framework

The quality and timeliness of review and update of the BAF continues to improve and the contribution by the Divisions to this progress is to be recognised.

The management of the increased demand in A&E remains the risk with the highest exposure and consequence. Actions (immediate and longer term) are in progress or under development but further mitigation is being pursued. The Executive will provide, in its performance update to the Board, the current status and the actions in hand and their schedule.

There is progress, reflected in the BAF update, in most areas. The other significant exposure items revolve around Hospital Acquired Infections, financial liquidity and financial risk rating and the Trust's IT infrastructure.

Risk added to the BAF

A new risk added to the BAF, relates to the use of the Cardiac Cath Lab as an overflow facility to manage the A&E demand and the significant concern expressed by the CQC on this action by the Trust. The Board will be updated by the Executive on the status and prognosis of how corrective action on this is emerging.

Progress Reports

Progress reports were provided on several current items including Estates risk profile, mandatory training, NHSLA status, CNST status in Women's & Children and asbestos related matter. The management of the asbestos exposure and its removal or securing remains effective. However, the legacy exposure to potential fines by HSE is still present and of concern.