

Briefing from Integrated Risk & Governance Committee: 10 January 2013

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CQuAC feedback The Committee was briefed that the continuing high activity levels are having a detrimental impact on quality, and that emergency admissions in particular are putting pressure on staff. Quality of care measures highlight this.

Board Assurance Framework 2 new risks were approved for inclusion in the BAF:

1. Safeguarding Adults – a lack of evidence makes it important to drive from a strategic point – it was agreed that the Medical Director should be the named doctor; and
2. ITU Legionella – although there is clinical agreement of the need for ITU closure to fix this, there is not as yet an agreed solution

It was agreed that both risks warrant discussion at the January Board meeting, and that agreed solutions should be proposed.

Discussion of the draft BAF noted that:

- ⤴ no risks have been removed recently
- ⤴ some updates are outstanding but will be done for the Board's version

Full Capacity Protocol This protocol has been implemented on 4 occasions, and enables the movement of in-patients through to the discharge lounge earlier, increasing admissions from A&E, but it was noted that it is not without risk itself as there are some downsides. The overall benefit (or not) of using the protocol will be evaluated.

CNST The Committee received an update on readiness for the CNST audit in February. The self-assessed score is much higher than the previous update at the November meeting, and staff are now doing spot checks to assess the quality of patient notes.

Getting Better No-one present had any concerns about clinical impacts from the programme.

Estates Risk Profile Progress Report Work is ongoing to complete agreed actions arising from this report – Estates assess completion to date on target at 30% (against an expected completion date of March 2015). It was agreed that a further update should be presented to the Board at the March meeting.

Committee Minutes Minutes from Committees reporting in (BISE, IIGG etc) were included in the papers, with no questions or comments.

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