# West Hertfordshire Hospitals

**NHS Trust** 

#### Agenda Item: 14 a

# Trust Board – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

## Report of the Safety & Quality Committee – 24 November 2015

#### Presented by: Professor Steve Barnett, Chairman

## 1. Purpose

To provide a summary of items scrutinised at the Safety & Quality Committee on 24 November 2015

## 2. Items Discussed

The following main items were discussed:

- Quality & Safety Report
- Completion of review of echocardiograms reporting (SMART)
- Patient and Public Involvement Update
- Mortality Report
- Maternity Update Report (Kirkup)
- Harm Free Care Report
- Corporate Risk Register Quality & Safety Risk Report
- Health & Safety Report
- Bi-Annual Adult Establishment Review
- CAS Alerts Status Report
- Serious Incident (Including Never Events) Summary Report
- Water Safety Neonatal Unit
- BAF
- Integrated Performance Report for Safety & Quality
- Clinical Audit & Effectiveness Report Quarter 2
- Medicines Optimisation Report (Drug Alert Update Report)
- Complaints Deep Dive
- Picker Children's Inpatient Survey Action Plan
- CQC Compliance Report
- Litigation Cases

## 3. Matters Referred To The Trust Board

- 3.1 The Committee were updated and assured on actions and lessons learnt from Operation Smart (misreporting of echocardiogram results)
- 3.2 Continued sustained reduction in mortality was noted and teams involved commended

- 3.3 Progress at the Trust on implementing recommendations from the Kirkup Review were discussed. Impact of actions being taken and stronger efforts to recruit to Women and Children's Divisional leadership and staff vacancies will be monitored.
- 3.4 A quarterly health and safety report was received. It was noted that the highest proportion of incidents related to slips, trips and falls plus needlestick incidents.
- 3.5 A programme of works will start at the end of November to implement a new water system within the neonatal department.
- 3.6 A framework to ensure compliance with the CQC's Fundamental Standards Framework was discussed and agreed.
- 3.7 The Committee agreed to extend the length of future meetings and examine the composition of agendas to ensure that sufficient time was afforded for consideration of the key Safety and Quality matters.

#### 4. Recommendation

The Trust Board is asked to note the report.

Professor Steve Barnett Chair of the Safety & Quality Committee 24 November 2015