Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals

NHS Trust

QUALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE	
Date of meeting:	Friday, 28 th September 2018
Members in attendance:	Olwen Dutton (Chair), Richard Samuda, Marie Perry, Dave Baker, Paula Gardner, Kam Dhami and Siten Roy
Apologies received:	Apologies were received from Rachel Barlow and David Carruthers
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	Strategic BAF The four quality risks on the BAF were discussed with Executive Directors presenting progress in addressing the known gaps in control and assurance. The Safety Plan remains a good new story, and the planned Internal Audit review was welcomed to provide independent assurance. As David Carruthers was on leave for this meeting, a comprehensive report on the Quality Plan / mortality was required next time in advance of December's Trust Board. A positive position on out-of-hours eye emergency care for children was presented verbally by Siten Roy. A written note on the arrangements put in place within BMEC was requested from David Carruthers for the October meeting. The on-going good work in R&D was noted.
	IQPR and Persistent Reds The reasons behind the recent poor performance with VTE assessments were considered, with role clarity between the doctors and nurses being cited. A plan to recover the position was to be presented at the next meeting. Mrs Perry called out an inconsistency between the positive Safety Plan checks and the reported VTE performance. Mrs Gardner agreed to look into this and report back at the next meeting.
	The number of breaches (25/72) against the 4 hour target to admit patients to a stroke ward was called out as a cause for concern. A lengthy discussion ensued where the part that bed pressures and mimic strokes played on performance were explored. Information was requested on any resulting adverse patient outcomes. A note on the planned actions was required for the next meeting.
	Whilst progress had been made in Mandatory Training compliance (90.6%), not meeting the 95% target was disappointing and needed to be addressed. The focus remains on Basic Life Support training.
	The continued excellent performance with WHO Safer Surgery checklist compliance was commended. Ms Dutton commented that the approach to handling persistent reds was working well and thanked the Executive.

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	T&O Dashboard Mr Roy presented the dashboard which mostly showed consistent compliance against the quality and safety indicators. Explanations were provided for the few areas flagged as red, namely cleanliness audits, Fracture Clinic Wait ≤ 72 hours
	CQC Inspection: Preliminary findings Inspections continue and there remain issues to address around mental health and capacity, equipment readiness and staff competence. A generally positive report back on BMEC had been received and the challenges faced by Neonates (which are well understood by the Board) had been reiterated.
	4am unannounced ward visits Positively, most wards have embraced our work on a good night's sleep. Overnight transfers continue to be a focus of effort to improve, but morning discharge preparations overnight continue to be insufficient. Mrs Gardner to provide a written summary in October.
Positive highlights of note:	The meeting discussions were felt to be useful and constructive.
Matters to escalate to the Board:	Under the IQPR the Board is requested to discuss VTE assessments and Stroke
Matters presented for information or noting:	See above
Decisions made:	To stand down the corporate monitoring of the T&O Safety Summit Dashboard.
Actions agreed	No specific additional actions beyond those being progressed by management

Olwen Dutton, CHAIR OF THE QUALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 28th September 2018