

QUALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE	
Date of meeting:	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Attendees:	Harjinder Kang (Chair), Richard Samuda, Kate Thomas, Lesley Writtle, Liam Kennedy, Melanie Roberts, Kam Dhami and Helen Hurst. <i>In attendance:</i> Dave Baker, Chizo Agwu and Susan Rudd
Apologies:	David Carruthers and Parmjit Marok
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Gold update on COVID-19:</b> the community rate of infection is falling with a resulting decline in COVID-19 hospital admissions (general and critical care) and mortality. The community infection rates in vaccinated age groups appear positive. The red ward capacity is being stepped down on both Sandwell and City Hospital sites.</li> <li>● <b>HSMR:</b> The Trust continues to have a significantly high mortality rate, indicating more deaths than should be expected. Current data demonstrates that the impact of the measures previously identified to influence improvement is not great enough. A further measure, the Charlson Comorbidity Index score, is now being escalated. The Medical Examiners continue to review deaths to explore if there were any issues in quality of care.</li> <li>● <b>Infection Prevention and Control:</b> The actions plans developed in response to the findings of the NHSE/I visits were discussed, together with the IPC BAF. Progress has been made but this has been hindered by Wave 2 of the pandemic and workforce challenges.</li> <li>● <b>IQPR:</b> 3226 clinically prioritised patients missed their clinically due dates. Oral surgery, dermatology and plastics were called out. The withdrawal of services from UHB for Oral is requiring the Trust to look to the Black Country to support recovery plans.</li> <li>● <b>The Perfect Ward:</b> This app will provide real time data to the wards and clinical areas and supports quality improvement and assurance from the 'ward to Board'. The pilot phase commences with four wards at the beginning of April.</li> </ul>
Positive highlights of note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Roll out of Point of Care testing.</li> <li>● An increase in births on Serenity, a decrease in babies born before arrival and an improvement in skin to skin at birth.</li> </ul>
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A significantly high HSMR (147).</li> <li>● The patient safety risk to oral surgery patients resulting from the impact of a withdrawal of services by UHB</li> </ul>
Matters presented for information or noting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planned care and recovery report</li> <li>● Safeguarding Q3 report</li> <li>● Never Events update</li> </ul>
Decisions made:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To receive a report on the FCE and coding improvement measures called out in the HSMR discussion.</li> </ul>

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Actions agreed:

Captured in the action log

**Harjinder Kang, Non-Executive Director**  
**Chair of the Quality and Safety Committee**

**For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 1st April 2021**