

QUALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE	
Date of meeting:	26 th February 2021
Attendees:	Harjinder Kang (Chair), Richard Samuda, Kate Thomas, David Carruthers, Liam Kennedy, Melanie Roberts, Kam Dhami, Parmjit Marok and Helen Hurst. <i>In attendance:</i> Dave Baker, Chizo Agwu and Susan Rudd
Apologies:	Lesley Writtle
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold update on COVID-19: the community rate of infection is falling with a resulting decline in COVID-19 hospital admissions and mortality. The Tipton community vaccination hub has opened, and the Sandwell Hospital centre will reopen for second vaccinations in March. • Planned Care and recovery: the surgical restoration plan is being stepped up in March which allows time for staff to become associated back in their own areas and patients to be booked. The focus will be on treating higher clinical priority patients. Harm reviews are in place • Safe staffing through COVID-19: a summary of the measures taken to ensure safe staffing during COVID-19 was presented along with the quality impact assessment tool used to highlight risks and actions • 2020/21 SBAF: the assurance levels for the following risks were considered – vulnerable services (SBAF4), reduction in amenable mortality (SBAF 14) and research goals (SBAF 15). • Maternity: the following escalations were received and discussed – still births, caesarean section rate and reduction in birth numbers.
Positive highlights of note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision-to-delivery interval for babies has shown significant improvement and an improved position year to date.
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sickness rates (latest benchmarking measure was 09/20 when the rate was 5.7%, 112/122 in the country). The rate for January is 7% in month and 5.9% cumulative.
Matters presented for information or noting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the EQC and RMC • Learning from deaths dashboard • New national maternity dashboard that allows benchmarking against other Trusts and LMNs
Decisions made:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a monthly update on any worry words and response • To receive an update next month on overdue complaint responses
Actions agreed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded in the action tracker

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

For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 4th March 2021