## Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust



QUALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – PUBLIC SUMMARY	
Date of meeting:	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Attendees:	Harjinder Kang (Chair), Kate Thomas, Lesley Writtle, David Carruthers, Liam Kennedy, Kam Dhami In attendance: Parmjit Marok, Sarah Carr-Cave, Lakshmi Thuirumalaikumar
Apologies:	Melanie Roberts, Helen Hurst
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	<ul> <li>COVID-19 and vaccination update: the sustained increase in red demand across both sites was highlighted, SWBH currently has the highest proportion of COVID-19 inpatients of any Trust in the Midlands with around 13% of overall beds occupied by C-19 positive patients, work continues with staff to embed LAMP testing, staff continue to be encouraged to have the vaccine.</li> <li>Planned care and recovery: significant numbers of long wait patients as well as patients with priority clinical needs still require intervention. Mitigations remain in place to ensure safety nets to capture patients and stratify risk levels. Harm reviews are in place. Ophthalmology remains a key area of risk for the Trust due to the number of patients on the waiting list. In-sourcing and out-sourcing approaches are being used to reduce lists. The FFT supplier is to be used to validate the Trust's entire RTT waiting list.</li> <li>Safe staffing - nursing and radiology: measures put in place to manage safer staffing include: QIAs, daily staffing review and triangulation of acuity data, incident form completion for deviations, on-gong recruitment, by December 2021, 247 newly qualified and overseas nurses join the Trust. Plans are being developed to build resilience of the winter.</li> <li>Board level metrics: the first presentation of the new style performance report, based on national best practice, was received favourably.</li> </ul>
Positive highlights of note:	•
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board:	<ul> <li>The pressures on our ICUs continue. The Trust put a bid to the Region 2 years ago for additional capacity and this should be revisited.</li> </ul>
Matters presented for information or noting: Decisions made:	<ul> <li>Mortality dashboard</li> <li>Maternity dashboard and neonatal data</li> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
Actions agreed:	• n/a

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

For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021