

QUALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY NOTE	
Date of meeting:	26 th January 2022
Attendees:	Kate Thomas (Chair), Lesley Writtle, David Carruthers, ,Kam Dhami, Mel Roberts, Dave Baker and <u>In attendance</u> : Helen Hurst, Chizo Agwu, Dan Conway and Johanne Newens, Richard Beeken
Apologies:	Liam Kennedy
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	<p>COVID Update: Q&S received an update on the current COVID position in the organisation. We were updated on the position on Mandatory Vaccinations and the future risks around this. Poor influenza vaccine uptake in contrast to past performance.</p> <p><u>CHAIR'S COMMENTS ON ASSURANCE:</u></p> <p>Assurance on current position. Only partial assurance on mandatory vaccinations and risks surrounding this, it remains a significant concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Staffing through COVID 19 Pandemic: The Committee was updated on the actions taken to ensure safe staffing across the organisation during this wave of covid 19. We were informed of the processes to manage and escalate staffing. <p><u>CHAIR'S COMMENTS ON ASSURANCE:</u></p> <p>Assurance that staffing levels agreed have been met (2 qualified staff per ward), which involved moving a large number of staff on a daily basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current COVID 19 Wave - Infection Prevention and Control Update: An assurance report was discussed with regards to the current wave of COVID (Omicron variant) and the changes that have been implemented to ensure that patient and staff safety is maintained, in line with current Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) guidelines and local risk assessment. <p><u>CHAIR'S COMMENTS ON ASSURANCE:</u></p> <p>Assurance on safety of patients and staff. Staff wearing FFP3 masks for added protection. HEPA filters installed. IPC guidance updates circulated effectively. Staff sickness has fallen. Use of commercial PCR testing to ensure rapid results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data loss Risk <p>The current issues that the Trust have with this loss of data in Ophthalmology and the risks associated were discussed. It was also highlighted the number of risks within our IT function in not</p>

	<p>being able to bring back the data required to run clinical services.</p> <p><u>CHAIR'S COMMENTS ON ASSURANCE:</u> Not assured. Awaiting the report from Dudley. Not clear that a similar event could not happen again: no IT solution to prevent human error having serious consequences. ICO is now investigating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never Events Update Discussion covered the 5 Never Events in the past 3 months within the Trust. It was agreed that a further report on the learning from the investigations was required, once complete. <p><u>CHAIR'S COMMENTS ON ASSURANCE:</u> Assurance that all wards now have nebuliser boxes and air flows capped off. Being checked on regular ward visits by senior nurses.</p>
Positive highlights of note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication of (frequent) IPC changes
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory vaccination risks to safe staffing • Data loss risk could recur
Matters presented for information or noting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity Dashboard and Neonatal Data Report • Board Level Metrics and IQPR Exceptions • Monthly Mortality Dashboard
Decisions made:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Actions agreed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the action tracker

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Chair of the Quality and Safety Committee

For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 2nd February 2022