## Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals

QUALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY NOTE	
Date of meeting:	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Attendees:	Kate Thomas (Chair), , David Carruthers, Mel Roberts, Liam Kennedy, , Kam Dhami Helen Hurst and Parmjit Marok In attendance: , Chizo Agwu, Matthew Maguire and Dan Conway
Apologies:	Lesley Writtle and Dave Baker
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board:	Maternity Dashboard and Neonatal Data Report In October there were 5 still births, a perinatal rate of 11/1000 births which is 5 points over the 12 month average. A rapid deep dive analysis has been carried out. Common features and trends include late pregnancy booking, late presentation with reduced fetal movements and non-English speaking. A directorate wide meeting has taken place to agree actions and an implementation plan.
	Service delivery continues to be impacted by staffing difficulties in maternity inpatients and community midwifery. In October staffing factors affected the management of shifts 54% of the time. Recruitment options continue to be explored.
	Infection Prevention and Control Update NHSE/I visited the sites on 21 <sup>st</sup> October to review infection control practices. The outcome was a de-escalation of the Trust's red rating to amber. The improvements made over the past 12 months were called noted and acknowledged. However, a number of areas still required attention for which an action plan is being developed. The plan will be cross-checked against the updated IPC guidance just issued.
	Safe Guarding Review The findings were received of an in-house Chief Nurse commissioned review to assess our current safeguarding arrangements in relation to children and vulnerable adults to establish if our statutory obligations were being met. Pockets of good practice were found across the Trust and high levels of knowledge and skills by the specialist Safeguarding teams. Significant work is required to ensure that this is the same across all clinical teams. A business case is under consideration to increase the under-resourced service.
	Assurance of Mortuary Security In response to an NHSE/I requirement the Trust has carried out a review of compliance against existing guidance and additional conditions in terms of access to and security of SWB mortuaries.

	The findings are compliant in both areas albeit workarounds are in place for access and CCTV at City Mortuary. A risk assessment has been carried out and will be presented, along with the mitigation plan, to RMC on 13 <sup>th</sup> December.
Positive highlights of note:	•
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board:	• None
Matters presented for information or noting:	Board level metrics and IQPR exceptions
Decisions made:	• None
Actions agreed:	See action log

Professor Kate Thomas, Non-Executive Director Acting Chair of the Quality and Safety Committee

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