Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals **NHS**

NHS Trust

Report Title	Infection Prevention and Control Board Assurance Framework		
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Meeting	Trust Board	Date	7th January 2021

1. Suggested discussion points *[two or three issues you consider the Committee should focus on]*

This COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Board Assurance Framework is a national request from England's Chief Nurse. The framework has been developed with the support of all healthcare providers to self-assess their compliance with PHE and other COVID-19 related infection prevention and control guidance and to identify risks. It has been asked that the framework is used to assure directors of infection prevention and control (DIPC), medical directors and directors of nursing/chief nurses by assessing the measures taken in line with current guidance.

Following our self-assessment it is to be highlighted that we have systems and processes in place to give assurance however there continues to be areas we still need additional assurance. The key elements to prevent transmission are, hand hygiene, PPE compliance and social distancing.

2. Alignment to 2020 Vision *[indicate with an 'X' which Plan this paper supports]*

Safety Plan	x	Public Health Plan		People Plan & Education Plan	
Quality Plan		Research and Development		Estates Plan	
Financial Plan		Digital Plan		Other *[specify in the paper]*	x

3. Previous consideration *[where has this paper been previously discussed?]*

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4. Recommendation(s)

The Private Trust Board is asked to:

a.	**NOTE** the assurance framework
b.	Give **recommendations** for improving assurance should it be required.

5. Impact *[indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and where shown elaborate]*

Trust Risk Register		n/a					
Board Assurance Framework		n/a					
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	x	If 'Y' date completed	
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	x	If 'Y' date completed	