

Report Title	Maternity Update: Maternity and Neonatal Assurance framework		
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1. Suggested discussion points *[two or three issues you consider the Trust Board should focus on]*

Maternity services continue to be in the spotlight, reports such as the Morecombe Bay (Kirkup 2016) and the Ockenden report (2020, appendix1&2) which looked into maternity services at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital, highlight failings within the services and organisations. These reports evidenced that transparency and strong board level oversight and leadership for perinatal safety is paramount to ensure the quality and safety of services. The purpose of this paper is to outline and seek approval for a governance framework that will strengthen and optimise oversight.

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

Safety Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Health Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	People Plan & Education Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Research and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Estates Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>[specify in the paper]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Ockendon Report: Emerging Findings and Recommendations from the Independent Review of Maternity services at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust - Public Board and Executive Quality Committee
Maternity Update: Assurance framework, first presentation

4. Recommendation(s)

The Board is asked to:

- a. **Note** the paper
- b. **Acknowledge** the requirement
- c. **Support** the proposed framework

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

Trust Risk Register	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Board Assurance Framework	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/>	If 'Y' date completed
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/>	If 'Y' date completed

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Maternity and Neonatal Assurance framework

1.0 Introduction and Background

Following the initial findings of the Ockenden report (2020) (appendix1), which highlighted failings from floor to board, Trusts are required to strengthen and optimise board level oversight of quality and safety. The purpose of this paper is to outline the governance framework for the oversight of maternity and neonatal services at Sandwell and West Birmingham Trust, to ensure robust and transparent process from floor to board.

2.0 Governance

The proposed governance framework provides oversight of the quality and safety of the services from Directorate to Trust Board. It is proposed that a Highlight report, inclusive of the maternity and neonatal dashboard will be presented at both Executive Quality Committee and Quality Committee to support examination of the data and analysis of trends and themes, as such highlights for noting will be discussed at CLE. A full report will be presented on a monthly basis to Trust Board on the quality and safety of the service, to ensure Board oversight and leadership of perinatal safety.



3.0 Recommendations

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