

Agenda Item 3.i

Report to:	Board of Directors Part 1	Date: 08 January 2026
Report from:	Chair of the Quality & Risk Committee – Professor Ian Wilkinson	
Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title	GOVERNANCE: To update the Board on discussions at the Quality & Risk Committee for November and December 2025 Part 1	
Board Assurance Framework Entries	BAF 675	
Regulatory Requirement	Well Led/Code of Governance: CQC regulation	
Equality Considerations	To have clear and effective processes for assurance of Committee risks	
Key Risks	CQC Regulation 12: Safe Care and Treatment	
For:	Information and assurance	

Part 1

1. Significant issues of interest to the Board.

Surgical site infections (SSI) – discussed at both November and December Q and R meetings. Enhanced executive governance of SSI's has been established with fortnightly dedicated meetings to track and monitor progress. A new local leader (DR Hannah Kiziltug) with extensive experience and qualifications in QI has been appointed from the STA division to chair the SSI steering group. All aspects of the care pathway are currently being reviewed with a detailed action plan expected for January Q and R. Confirmed SSI rates for Q2 is 5.5%.

Assurance - limited

2. M abscessus

Results of cases awaiting relatedness were received in November confirming no relatedness to RPH outbreak strain. There has been no further cases identified as positive for M abscessus.

Assurance - good

3. Fundamentals of Care Board

In November the committee received an update on CQC preparedness which included service self-assessment and peer review quality accreditation. Discussion ensued regarding support for recommendations and action plans, reinstating leadership development programme.

Assurance - moderate

4. Committee escalations

In November there were 2 escalations from Performance committee. One related to the potential impact of the CT outsourcing plan. This was further discussed in December when the committee heard that the insourcing arrangement had been extended to mitigate the delay. New timeframe for outsourcing now planned for early February.

Assurance - moderate

The second escalation related to pressures on the cardiology service in particular the growth of the TAVI service and impact on patients waiting. This was further discussed in December where the committee received a QIA and short report on how the patient safety initiative work impacted the inhouse and elective pathways. Discussion took place regarding RPH position is setting direction for the service going forward.

Assurance - moderate

5. Concern from SIERP and QRMG report

The committee noted incidents of severe harm and of concern from the SIERP highlight and QRMG report in December (specifically in critical care). The committee heard that there is work underway to assess safety and has requested an update on trend and outcome of investigations to be brought to future Q and R.

6. Recommendation

The Trust Board is asked to note the contents of this report