

**Agenda item 3.i**

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Date: 5 October 2023</b>
<b>Report from:</b>	<b>Chair of the Quality &amp; Risk Committee</b>	
<b>Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE: To update the Board on discussions at the Quality &amp; Risk Committee</b>	
<b>Board Assurance Framework Entries</b>	675, 742, 2532, 3040, 3261	
<b>Regulatory Requirement</b>	Well Led/Code of Governance:	
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	To have clear and effective processes for assurance of Committee risks	
<b>Key Risks</b>	None believed to apply	
<b>For:</b>	Insufficient information or understanding to provide assurance to the Board	

**1. Significant issues of interest to the Board**

- The committee discussed the ongoing issue of surgical site infections, and the recommendations that NHSE had made. The committee was pleased to see that progress has been made in a number of different fronts but was keen to keep this particular issue under very close review. Therefore, it was agreed that at the next meeting this would form a specific point on the agenda and a short report would be prepared detailing progress and outstanding issues.
- The issue of poor compliance with MRSA decolonisation was again discussed, and a recent case of MRSA septicaemia was discussed in some detail. Again, it was suggested that as this was an ongoing issue this could be a specific point on the agenda at the next committee meeting and a report would be received detailing progress to date.
- The committee noted the three recent cases of mycobacterium abscessus, that have been discussed at all the relevant committees and the continuation of the mitigation steps that were put in place previously. It was not clear whether these cases are related to the Royal Papworth outbreak strain .
- Further clarity was sought on one of the coroners' cases related to pulmonary embolism in a transplant patient and **IS** agreed to provide further information at the Board. The committee felt this was a helpful way forward as it had worked well with the previous case.
- The committee discussed mortality statistics, and it was agreed that **MS**, **IS** and **LP** would formulate a plan whereby the committee could receive quarterly updates on

mortality in all areas across the Trust, and that area specific mortality figures would be included in the annual report.

## **2 Policies and matters approved or ratified:**

- To receive quarterly updates on mortality in all areas across the Trust.
- To ratify the following procedures:
  - DN794 Trust wide prisoner policy
  - TOR027 Terms of reference of the safeguarding committee
  - EPPR Policy (new)

## **3. Matters referred to other committees or individual Executives**

The committee recommends approval of the DIPC report 2022/23

## **4. Recommendation**

The Board of Directors is asked to note the contents of this report.