

Part 1 Agenda item 3iv

Report to:	Board of Directors	Date: 4th October 2018
Report from:	Chair of the Quality & Risk Committee	
Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title	GOVERNANCE: To update the Board on discussions at the Quality & Risk Committee meeting dated 11th September 2018	
Board Assurance Framework Entries		
Regulatory Requirement		
Equality Considerations	Equality has been considered but none believed to apply	
Key Risks	Non-compliance resulting in financial penalties	
For:	Information	

1. Significant issues of interest to the Board

1.1 There was only one significant item of note. This will be reported in Part 2 of the Board meeting

2. Key decisions or actions taken by the Quality & Risk Committee

2.1 We were asked by the Board to review the RAG rating of SIs. We agreed that they should not be RAG rated, but that they are monitored as a rolling average. We also agreed that 'never events' should be so rated as either red or green.

3. Other items of note

Board Members may wish to note only minor concerns about:

3.1 Reduction in the compliance on the use of WHO check list in theatre (this will be investigated by Theatre Matron).

3.2 Increase in a number of patient safety incidents in surgery (may be an artefact due to increased reporting by Varrier Jones ward).

3.3 Attendance at M & M meetings was in decline (noting that a number of single specialty meetings had sprung up, Q & R accepted the recommendation of the QRMG that the Trust would be better served by a single meeting and agreed that this should be reinstated).

3.4 Quality issues within electrophysiology services (no prima facie evidence of this but I have asked, in the light of continuing difficulties in recruitment, for a formal assurance that quality will be maintained)

3.5 A Healthcare Science Strategy was considered by the Committee. This was agreed not to be adequate. A revised document will be presented at the next meeting.

4. Recommendation

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