

Part 1 Agenda item 3iii

Report to:	Board of Directors	Date: 7th February 2019
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	
Board Assurance Framework Entries	675, 690, 742, 1787, 744, 1929, 1511	
Regulatory Requirement	NHS Foundation Trust Code of Governance Committee ToR	
Equality Considerations	Equality has been considered but none believed to apply	
Key Risks	Insufficient information or understanding to provide assurance to the Board	
For:	Information	

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1. The Trust continues to provide safe and high quality care as judged from the leading indicators that we monitor: medication incidents, patient falls and pressure ulcers. This achievement is not to be underestimated given the problems that we have had with nurse staffing. Staff are to be congratulated.
2. Q+R has conducted a self-assessment and reviewed the TORs. A discussion about the Chair replacement took place, and this needs to be confirmed. The Committee proposed that given the importance of the quality agenda the quorum for the meeting should include two NED and this will be included in recommendations to Board. The only other change to the TOR made was to include innovation in the purpose, which will be achieved through reintroduction of clinical audit presentations from clinical colleagues.
3. We heard about the successful accreditation of the immunology service by the Quality in Primary Immunodeficiency Services and Royal College of Physicians. The assessment took place in November 2018 and the Trust was informed on the 14th January that the service had met all the standards required for accreditation.
4. Q+R has agreed the following annual committee objectives:
 - Positive effects on quality and culture so that the board really understand the Quality Improvement project. (Board Learning Together programme)

- Acknowledgement of support to Director Of Workforce Organisation Development ensuring reporting lines are suitable and adequate.
 - Include clinical audit presentations from around the directorates in a clinical innovation slot and to reflect this in our TOR.
 - The group should continue to monitor Cyber risks via the SIRO report.
 - The Q&R Committee will be working towards being paperlite and paperless. Highlight/exception reports should replace all the individual reports.
5. We have been asked by the Clinical School to consider providing placements in Acute and Emergency Care, Surgery and Medicine to year 6 students. These placements would be for 6 weeks at a time with 10 students in each area. The Committee agreed to the increase in student medics.
6. The Committee received and reviewed the new Equality and Diversity Policy.

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Chair of the Quality & Risk Committee

Recommendation

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