

Governance Committee

Committee Chair Report for Board Meeting on 28th September 2023

The Governance Committee ('the Committee') met on 7th September 2023. The following is a summary of the areas considered at the meeting to update the Board. The formal record of the meeting remains the approved minutes.

1. Summary of areas considered

- i) The model of presenting Steering Group Chairs' reports was piloted at the meeting and was found to be a better model to shape future Governance agendas:

- Organisational Governance
- Standards, Compliance and Regulation
- Safety and Quality

This methodology was finalised at a meeting prior to the Board Workshop on the 18th September 2023.

- ii) Mr Mark Haynes, Consultant Urologist, and Mrs Margaret O'Hagan, Independent Advisor for the Public Inquiry, gave a presentation on the Urology Lookback Review. The Activity and Outcomes Report (Cohort 1) is attached.
- iii) The Perinatal Mortality Report for SHSCT 2021 (MBRRACE) was presented and is attached.

2. Issues for escalation to Trust Board

SHSCT Hospital Emergency Departments:

Dr Gareth Hampton, Consultant Emergency Medicine

The Chair of Governance Committee invited Dr Hampton to give a presentation to the Committee following his appearance on The Nolan Show following an unusually busy period over August Bank Holiday

weekend. In a frank and open interview, he could not give assurance that ED was safe. The Chair of the Board (Eileen Mullan) invited both myself and John Wilkinson (NEDs) to visit both DHH and CAH ED departments. It became clear from our visits and the Consultant's presentation that DTA's (Decision to Admit) were extremely high over the period in question.

It was clear from Committee discussions that the solutions could not be found solely in ED but a much broader analysis of patient flow, primary care and wider system issues. The Committee agreed that Trust Board needed to be appraised of the situation and be presented by whatever mitigation steps were needed or at least the outline of a plan for this to ensure patient safety and minimise risk, at its next scheduled meeting on September 28th.

3. Action(s) requested/required of Trust Board

- Note the areas considered and issues for escalation
- Note previous minutes – 11th May 2023
- Approval of Governance Committee Annual Report

Martin McDonald
Non-Executive Director - Chair
On behalf of the Governance Committee
22nd September 2023