

Governance Committee

Committee Chair Report for Board Meeting on 30th January 2025

The Governance Committee ('the Committee') met on 5th December 2024. 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

- Chief Executive's report from the SLT Risk and Assurance Group. The Committee noted that implementation of the Internal Audit Recommendations have been significantly progressed.
- Chair's report from the Safety and Quality Steering Group.
- Chair's report from the Organisational Governance Steering Group. The Committee noted the ongoing issue in relation to recruitment of cooks within the Trust.
- Chair's report From the Standards, Compliance and Regulation Steering Group.
- Corporate Risk Register. The Committee noted that Obstetrics and Gynaecology Services have been added to the risk register.
- Raising Concern Report (Whistleblowing)
- Report on the Directorate Governance Review by Olive MacLeod. The Committee noted that a new Assistant Director for CSCG has been permanently appointed who will be managing many of the recommendations from this review.
- RQIA Report of Urology Services Phase II Report. The committee noted assurance that medical appraisals are being undertaken as one of the recommendations.
- Enabling Safe Quality Midwifery Services and care in Northern Ireland (Renfrew Report). The committee noted that a Non-Executive Director will be appointed as a maternity champion in light of this report.

- Non-Executive Director Visits to Children's Homes Report. The Committee noted the ongoing good work and it was requested that the process within SHSCT is explained to the new Non-Executive Directors once they commence.
- Governance Committee Workplan 2025. The Committee discussed and approved the workplan for 2025.

2. Issues for escalation to Trust Board

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

- Note previous minutes 5th December 2024

Mrs Pauline Leeson
Non-Executive Director - Chair
On behalf of the Governance Committee
5th December 2024