

## Cover Sheet

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**Title:** Integrated Assurance Committee Report

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**Key Purpose:** Assurance

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## Integrated Assurance Committee Report

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. As a Committee of the Trust Board, the Integrated Assurance Committee provides a regular report to the Board on the main issues raised and discussed at its meetings.
- 1.2. Since the last report to the Board held in public, the Integrated Assurance Committee had met on 10 August 2022.
- 1.3. Under its terms of reference, the Integrated Assurance Committee is responsible for reporting to the Board items discussed, actions agreed and issues to be referred to the Board, indicating the extent to which the Committee was able to take assurance from the evidence provided and where additional information was required.

### 2. Key Areas of Discussion

- 2.1. The Committee reviewed a new quarterly report which assessed the continuing impact of COVID-19 in key areas – staffing, operational and performance, and financial – across the Trust. This complemented information provided in the Integrated Performance Report.
- 2.2. As part of the emerging risk discussion, members highlighted the differential impact of cost of living pressures on staff and staffing risks arising from COVID-19. The development of the ICS leadership team was noted.
- 2.3. The Committee received an update on Divisional budgeting to support the delivery of the 2022/23 financial plan. Progress on developing efficiency plans was noted along with the work to embed the lessons of the Financial Governance Review into the 2023/24 planning round.
- 2.4. To support the work of IAC, a schedule Deep Dives linked to the Board Assurance Framework was proposed. Topics for the October and December meetings of the Committee were agreed.

### Integrated Performance Report

- 2.5. The Committee received this regular report on performance across operational, quality, workforce, digital and financial metrics.
- 2.6. Cancer performance remained a focus for the Committee. The Committee heard that the Trust had introduced a Cancer Improvement Programme to improve performance against the nine Cancer Standards and that work was ongoing to promote efficiency by the use of digital infrastructure and by streamlining multidisciplinary teams.
- 2.7. Some improvement in Emergency Department performance was noted, as were the ongoing challenges regarding system capacity.

- 2.8. Trust performance in relation to response to Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests was discussed. Improvements had been made to the process and would be assessed.

### **Quality Priorities Progress Update**

- 2.9. In advance of the Quality Event to be held on 22 August 2022, the Quality Priorities Progress Report was discussed by the Committee.
- 2.10. The Committee received assurance on the arrangements for monitoring interventions and the continuing focus on the reduction of pressure ulcers.

### **Maternity Development Programme**

- 2.11. The Committee reviewed the structure and proposed outcomes of the programme. In particular, members sought assurance that a plan was in place to ensure the programme's key principle of staff engagement would be realised and staff encouraged and empowered to participate.

### **Other Regular Reporting**

- 2.12. The Committee received its regular update reports from the Guardian of Safe Working and on infection prevention and control matters and SIRIs and Never Events. It agreed to receive the Board Assurance Framework and Corporate Risk Register on a quarterly basis to reduce duplication with the Trust Board's twice-yearly scrutiny.

## **3. Key Actions**

- 3.1. The agreed Deep Dive programme would be implemented.

## **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1. The Trust Board is asked to:
- **note** the Integrated Assurance Committee's report to the Board from its meeting held on 10 August 2022.