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Title: Integrated Assurance Committee Report

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Key Purpose: Assurance

Integrated Assurance Committee Report

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 April 2024.
- 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

OUH Vision, Strategic Objectives and 3-year Plan

- 2.1. The Committee reviewed the three-year plan and the vision and strategic objectives which underpinned it.
- 2.2. The plan was welcomed. Members suggested amendments to support more effective monitoring of the plan and provide clarity on expectations of and contributions to the system. The importance of research and innovation as strategic objectives was highlighted.
- 2.3. Risks articulated in the plan would be aligned to the Board Assurance Framework.

Financial Performance 2023/24 and Annual Plan 2024/25

- 2.4. The Committee was briefed on the expected 2023/24 year-end position.
- 2.5. Members noted the positive impact of the programme to reduce temporary staffing. To support Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board, the Trust was required to deliver its target reduction in six months.
- 2.6. The Committee heard that increases in non-pay costs were being analysed and work was being undertaken to improve the financial reporting to clinical divisions.
- 2.7. The Committee focused on a review of the assumptions underpinning the Trust's 2024/25 plan to support the Trust Board's review of the planned position.
- 2.8. Assurance was sought and received that processes were in place to safeguard patient care while financial controls were in place.

Patient Care

- 2.9. The Committee reviewed the plan for the must-do actions arising from the Care Quality Commission inspection of maternity services at the Horton Midwifery Led Unit in Banbury.
- 2.10. Members were briefed on ethnicity data for the midwifery workforce and service users. The Trust's midwife to birth ratio was clarified and the Committee noted that recruitment to midwifery roles was ongoing.
- 2.11. The Committee received an update on interpreting and translation services in the Trust and progress made since a Patient Story presented to the Trust Board in November 2023.
- 2.12. Assurance was provided that medication incidents in Paediatric Critical Care Unit had not resulted in harm. Members reviewed the associated action plan.

Estates Risks

- 2.13. Members had a detailed presentation on the risk-based process for prioritising backlog maintenance.

Integrated Performance Report

- 2.14. The Committee received this regular report on performance across operational, quality, workforce, digital and financial metrics.

Other Reporting

- 2.15. The following reports were received by the Committee:
 - 2023/24 CQUIN Programme Update;
 - Integrated Quality Improvement Update;
 - Summary of the February and March 2024 meetings of the Trust's Delivery Committee;
 - Patient Safety Incident Response Framework report for the period January-February 2024;
 - Board Assurance Framework and Corporate Risk Register;
 - Divisional and Corporate Performance Reviews;
 - Report on infection prevention and control matters;
 - Health and Safety Update Report.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. The Trust Board is asked to **note** the Integrated Assurance Committee's report to the Board from its meeting held on 10 April 2024.