

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD

HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2013

Subject	A Proposed Change to the Senior Information Risk Owner
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Status¹	A*

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To briefly explain the role of the Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) within the Trust and to propose that the role of SIRO is passed to the Informatics Director with effect from 1st February 2013.

KEY POINTS

This paper summarises why the Trust needs a Senior Information Risk Owner, what the role involves, how it dovetails to the role of the Caldicott Guardian and proposes that the role is passed to the Informatics Director.

IMPLICATIONS²

AIM OF THE STHFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2012-2017		TICK AS APPROPRIATE
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	✓
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	
5	Deliver Excellent Research, Education & Innovation	

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board are asked to approve the proposed change.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Meeting	Date	Approved Y/N
Information Governance Committee	11/12/12	Y
Board of Directors	16/01/13	

¹ Status: A = Approval
 A* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval
 D = Debate
 N = Note

² Against the five aims of the STHFT Corporate Strategy 2012-2017

A Change to the Senior Information Risk Owner

Background

Following significant data losses in the public sector in 2007, the NHS initiated the Information Governance Assurance Programme. This programme mandated that a Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) be appointed at Board level in all NHS organisations. The SIRO needs to be an Executive Director, Chief Information Officer or a Senior Manager with access to the Trust Board.

The SIRO role is to:

- Be accountable for information
- Foster a culture for protecting and using data
- Provide a focal point for managing information risks and incidents
- Be concerned with the management of all information assets

The Proposed Change:

In the absence of a Chief information Officer or an Informatics Director, the logical person to be the SIRO for Sheffield Teaching Hospital has been the Director of Service Improvement, whose portfolio includes Information. However there is now a permanent Informatics Director in post (Tracey Harding) and it is proposed that the role of SIRO is passed to this post with effect from 1st February 2013. This will align responsibility for line management and governance of the information functions in a single post holder.

The Caldicott Guardian:

The SIRO and the Caldicott Guardian work closely together and both are supported by the Patient and Healthcare Governance team and the Information Governance team. The Caldicott Guardian for Sheffield Teaching Hospital is the Medical Director.

The role of the Caldicott Guardian is:

- Advisory
- To be the conscience of the organisation
- To provide a focal point for patient confidentiality and information sharing issues
- Concerned with the management of patient information

Reporting and Information

All significant risks and issues are reported to the Board through either the Healthcare Governance Committee or the Information Governance Committee.