

**Meeting Assurance Report
to the Council of Governors held on
03 April 2025**

Committee / Group Name	Quality Committee
Date of Meeting	17 February 2025
Chair	Ros Roughton, Non-Executive Director and Committee Chair
Lead Officer	Angie Gibbs, Quality Director
Meeting Administrator	Lucy Middleton, Business Manager

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide in summary an update on the key discussions, outcomes and escalations of the above meeting.

Agenda items covered at the meeting [Bullet list agenda items]

- Care Group Deep Dive Surgical Services: Urology Stents
- Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF)
- CQC Assurance Report
- Monthly Learning from Incidents Report
- Infection Prevention and Control Quarterly Update
- For Assurance
 - Mental Health Executive Committee Highlight Report
 - Quality and Safety Executive Committee Highlight Report
 - Health and Safety Executive Committee Highlight Report
 - Organ and Tissue Donation Annual Report

Documents approved [State if approval/ratification required from another Committee/Group]

None.

Important issues discussed / matters requiring attention such as new risks, new assurance, progress with actions to close gaps in control or assurance and potential areas of non-compliance [Identify as above and describe any actions and next steps agreed]

- The Committee held a deep dive into measures to address a series of incidents (three cases) that had happened in 2022 with ureteric stents left in place for longer than required. In the absence of a nationally robust stent tracking system, local measures now taken included a review of the register to check whether there were any more patients, together with implementation of a Scan 4 Safety system. The new EPR system may offer more opportunities to improve safety.
- Now that the new Patient Safety Incident Response Framework and plan had been in place for a year, the Committee had a presentation of the overall implementation to date. The staff feedback on the process was extremely positive, particularly around the speed and pertinency of the learning that happens from incidents. The report also covered levels of training and learning responses by care group, with an opportunity for

the central team to support those areas where there were potentially fewer trained staff at present. The Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatal Group demonstrated the highest levels of training, and learning from incidents. The Committee was keen to see in future how this all translated into safer outcomes for patients.

- The Committee received the regular report on the self-assessment of the Trust against the provisional domains set out by the CQC of “Safe, Effective, Caring, Responsive and Well-Led”. This self-assessment was shaping the future agenda for deep dives by the Committee. There was also a look back at the “must-do” requirements and the “should do” recommendations from the CQC inspection reports to confirm that the actions were being maintained. All actions bar two were being fully maintained, and the Committee considered the two needing further work.
- The regular monthly report on learning from incidents was received, including two never events. Discussion focused around the learning where incidents happened across the system, the importance of listening to families when they had concerns about their relatives, and support for staff involved in incidents.
- The Director of Infection Prevention and Control presented performance for Q3, noting that the UK Health Security Agency had recently briefed on concerns regarding rising rates of C. difficile infections across the country both in primary and secondary care settings.
- The Committee Chair noted that the Staff Survey could provide additional insights about safety cultures by directorate, and agreed to ask the People Committee about this.
- The Committee noted the executive committee reports.

Items referred / escalated to another Committee or Group [Identify the name of the receiving forum and detail the recommendation made]

None.

Any other matters to highlight

None.

Recommendation

The Council of Governors is asked to NOTE the update provided.