Assurance Report from Quality and Safety Committee Chair

At the Quality and Safety Committee meeting that took place on the 20 June 2019 the following items were discussed:

1) Receipt of the Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response (EPRR) Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2018/19 was presented with the Committee noting the work undertaken within this area. It included: delivery of the Trust’s EPRR and business continuity systems, including testing of the Trust systems; compliance with NHS England’s self-assessment matrix for EPRR; supporting Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who used the Decant Ward for ten female patients after a fire had taken place on their ward; work that had taken place to change the Trust’s clinical waste providers; and contingency planning for when the United Kingdom leaves the European Union. The Committee noted the robust monitoring arrangements of EPRR and business continuity within the Trust.

2) Receipt of the Infection Prevention Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2018/19 was presented with the Committee noting the work within this area. It included: the Trust achieving 85.93% of front-line staff being vaccinated against influenza; 89.7% of staff being compliant with infection prevention training; and development of the infection prevention audits. The Committee noted supporting governance arrangements in place for monitoring the infection prevention workstream. The proactive work underway on infection prevention, which included making training accessible and spot audits within services, was recognised by the Committee.
3) Bi-annual Safeguarding Team

The bi-annual report from the Safeguarding Team was presented. The Committee noticed the importance of strong partnership working to ensure a connected approach across the wider system. The key points from the report were highlighted, they included: post OFSTED work and the Trust’s aspirations to develop in-reach processes; ongoing work on the CQC Adult Mental Health Action Plan; and service developments within Adult Services. The Committee noted work underway to further strengthen the Safeguarding Team which would support them to achieve their aspirations.

4) 0 to 19 Children’s Service

The Committee received an update on the 0-19 Service and noted the risks and challenges associated with it. The challenges included issues around: digitalisation; Health Support Workers within the new service model; and estates. The Committee noted the Service implementation date of the 1 August 2019, the outstanding work and risks that needed to be mitigated, and the supporting governance arrangements for this workstream being managed operationally.

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