

Quality and Safety Committee (QSC) Assurance Report to the Board of Directors

From meeting on 13 September 2019

1. The Mental Health Care Group reported on their recent recruitment programme and remaining vacancies. While there has been considerable success in recruiting to a range of posts, there remain 13 vacancies for Care Co-ordinators across CMHTs. We will continue to receive reports on this situation direct from the Care Group Leads; the demands on our community services are reflected in the Corporate Risk Register (Risk 1825), as is the recruitment of a diverse workforce (Risk 1831).
2. QSC continues to monitor the 0-19 Children's Services contract implementation; focussing on the quality and safety of care delivery, available resources and changing demands. Following the OFSTED inspection across the Bradford Local Authority footprint, there are new demands for our child safeguarding role which has a direct, inflationary impact on clinicians' caseloads. This situation requires on-going and close monitoring. It is acknowledged that the multi-agency working required to oversee, appraise and manage safeguarding standards can also be challenging.
3. We were given initial feedback from the recent CQC re-inspection visit to review our response to the Section 29a Warning Notice. Feedback, although only verbal at this time, was largely positive. We formally express our gratitude to all those involved in the BDCT response. It is essential that this feedback is seen as one element of our overall improvement and that we continue to demonstrate a high level of vigilance and performance in light of the deficiencies identified in previous CQC inspections. Moreover, all CQC findings should also be viewed, appraised and acted upon alongside our other important sources of quality and safety intelligence.

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