

Escalation and Assurance Report

Report from the: Mental Health Legislation Committee

Date the meeting took place: 21 November 2019

Report to the: Board of Directors

Key discussion points and matters to be escalated:

Assurance received:

- The Committee received an update on progress made on Mental Capacity Act (Act) training for Trust colleagues. A series of development actions had been identified following findings from an internal audit on compliance and application of the Act across all inpatient wards in June 2019. The Committee received assurance that progress made against identified improvement work was progressing well against the pre-expected trajectory. They heard from the lead for this workstream who outlined the supporting governance framework for monitoring progress made against the action plan, and how good practice was being co-produced with the services. The Committee noted a 40% increase in compliance, (rising to 54%) for Mental Capacity Act assessment completion ~~has risen~~, and improvements of 33% with the best interest decision making since September 2019. The importance of embedding this work was noted along with how daily lean management techniques for performance monitoring was being used to support delivery. It was noted that an audit on this workstream would take place 2 December 2019.

Items to escalate:

- From reviewing the performance dashboard the Committee noted an upward trend since July 2019 for both an increase in the use of full physical interventions and a mirrored rise in the use of rapid tranquilisation across a number of acute inpatient wards. The date presented was to 30 September 2019, with a further update for October's data expected on 25 November 2019 to review whether the trend had continued to increase. The Committee noted the increase in acuity in the wards and that the data had been reviewed by the Positive and Proactive Steering Group prior to presentation to Committee. The Medical Director and Chief Operating Officer agreed to provide a rapid review of the data for October and would provide a verbal update at the Board of Directors meeting on 28 November 2019.

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