

Escalation and Assurance Report

Report from: Mental Health Legislation Committee

Date the meeting: 22nd July 2021

Key discussion points and matters to be escalated from the discussion at the meeting:

Alert:

- No alert for the Board

Advise:

- **Restrictive Practice and Closed Cultures-** The Committee was updated on the work undertaken as a result of a service users experience of seclusion and detention. The Trust will be adopting “No Force First”, this initiative advocates that restraint is a sign of treatment failure. Committee will receive regular progress reports from the Positive & Proactive Steering Group and will monitor restrictive practice via the Dashboard
- **Associate Hospital Manager report** The Associate Hospital Manager Committee member reported some concern that attendance by service users at hearings and tribunals have fallen since remote hearings were established. It was noted that access to advocacy services appeared to be a factor for Sus. It was also reported that fewer discharges are happening since remote hearings were established. Data shows a decrease from 8% to 3-4%, further data to be analysed and reported back to Committee in September

Assure:

- **Section 17 leave audit report** Committee heard a presentation demonstrating high assurance that Section 17 leave documentation is being completed effectively on each of the in-patient MH wards
- **Internal Audit Review of the MHA Department** The Committee received the report which evidenced significant assurance that the MHA Dept are fulfilling their legal duties
- **Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)** Committee were advised and updated on work underway to ensure the Trust is compliant with new LPS when it is implemented in April 22. There are significant resource and training implications, Committee will receive updates at every future meeting
- **RPIW Deployment and usage of staff safety equipment** Committee was assured by the evidence from the RPIW that all ward staff including bank staff are provided with the correct safety equipment when reporting for duty

and that a robust system is in place to log equipment in and out of the ward environment

- **MCA & DoLS annual report** The Committee received and noted the annual report

Risks discussed:

- All corporate risks in the Board Assurance Framework and Corporate Risk Register as part of the discussion on the Annual Governance Statement.

New risks identified:

- None.

Report completed by: Carole Panteli Chair of Mental Health Legislation Committee
Date: 27th July 2021