

Escalation and Assurance Report

Report from the: Quality and Safety Committee (QSC)

Date the meeting took place: 14th September 2021

Report to the: Board/Council of Governors

Key discussion points and matters to be escalated from the discussion at the meeting:
Alert:
<p>We heard from our Involvement Partner, Matthew Riley, about the inability to provide bed spaces for some service users who have been sectioned under the MHA. This has considerable implications for carers. The Committee will monitor progress in resolving this, Carole Panteli will also inform the MHLC at their next meeting.</p>
Advise:
<p>The mental health impact of Covid continues and we are aware of an approximate doubling in appointments per service user (IAPT; CAMHS) The impact on staff is enduring and is testing their resilience. The Trust continues to support staff as much as possible through established processes. Together with the Workforce Committee we will closely monitor. The Vaccination programme is to expand as our service will now offer vaccines to children aged 12 and above (currently prioritising those with vulnerabilities); and begin a booster programme for those aged over 50 years. This will place a considerable demand on resources, in a tight timescale.</p> <p>In view of the Risk Register containing a significant number of risks within Children's Services, owned by Dawn Lee, we will invite Dawn to join the Physical Health Care Group update at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Quality Dashboard showed a fall in Violence and Aggression Training; while plans and mitigations are in place, Committee is conscious of the need for this training in a context of continued acuity of service users. The Organisational Risk Register continues to develop as a dynamic document, the Committee further advised on best practice, and NED requirements to gain good assurance.</p>
Assure:
<p>We received assurance concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological Therapies Action plan, acknowledging that this is not a quick fix • School Nursing Transformation Plan • CQC Action Plan • Learning from Deaths
<p><u>Risks discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2533; 2535; 2534; 2544 (Children's Services); 2370 (Impact of Covid pandemic on service delivery)

New risks identified:

- Inability to provide a bed space for service users sectioned under Mental Health Act. We urged that this be included in the Org. Risk Register.

Report completed by: Gerry Armitage, Chair & Non-Executive Director

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