

## Escalation and Assurance Report (AAA+D)

**Report from the:** Mental Health Legislation Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 24.11.22  
**Report to the:** Board of Directors

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### Key escalation and discussion points from the meeting

Alert	Action (to be taken)	By Whom	Target Date
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1. The Committee (“C”) did not think any matters required a formal “alert”.

#### Advise:

- Other comparable trusts have had similar issues re **timeliness of reports/documents** re tribunal and “hospital manager” hearings. Our service levels are more ambitious than some. Consideration to be given to the most appropriate service levels.
- An **involvement partner** shared some concerns from other service users about their own personal experiences as service users. Interim COO agreed to follow up, with a view to understanding more, taking any appropriate action, and reporting back to C.
- A judge (of a tribunal hearing) requested an alternative **room for a hearing**, on the basis that the allocated room was considered unsuitable.
- C was updated that, following the specific escalation/alert raised by C in its previous report, there had been some positive discussions, and a proposal for **additional resource** was in the process of being submitted.

#### Assure:

- The **dashboard data** was considered/scrutinised.
- C received a useful update (on matters such as “low holds”, use of force generally, and some work regarding sexual safety) – which helped C to “triangulate” data – from the **Positive and Proactive Forum**, which continues to do some excellent work.
- C discussed, and obtained reasonable assurance in relation to, an update re recent **CQC monitoring visits** and the action plan in response to CQC feedback.
- C considered an interim report re the **Mental Capacity Act** (focused on the inpatient audit and improvements).
- C discussed the half-year report re the Mental Health Act activity. C asked for some further information, within future iterations, re benchmarking, if available.
- The meeting was observed by at least one member of staff for developmental purposes. C remains keen to be open and transparent in its work, and to encourage and support career progression.

#### Decisions / Recommendations:

- Approved report re Hospital Managers.
- Approved half-year report re Mental Health Act activity (subject to a matter relating to “gender descriptors” being reviewed).
- Approved outline plan re Audit Items.

**Risks discussed:**

- Board assurance framework and strategic organisational risk register noted/discussed.

**New risks identified:**

- Nothing material at board level

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