

Escalation and Assurance Report (AAA+D)

Agenda
Item

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Report from the: Mental Health Legislation Committee
Date of meeting: 26.01.23
Report to the: Board of Directors

Key escalation and discussion points from the meeting

Alert	Action (to be taken)	By Whom	Target Date
1. The Committee (“C”) did not think any matters required a formal “alert”.			
Advise			
2. Good/useful update from the Associate Hospital Managers on matters including: (a) changes to the way decisions are given, orally, to service users, following remote hearings on MS Teams; (b) provision of laptops for hearings; (c) agreement on revision to the target for papers to be ready in advance of hearings (from 3 days to 2) and for that to be monitored; (d) increase in number of face-to-face hearings; and (e) a sufficient understanding of good practice regarding data retention.			
3. Involvement partners raised a couple of matters: (a) potential barriers to service users being involved in research programmes; (b) the definition/application of “ethnic minorities” term.			
4. Helpful update on the draft mental health bill , its development and likely scope.			
Assure			
5. The dashboard data was considered/scrutinised. Performance generally in line with expectations in key areas (e.g. “sections” considered to be free from errors, data regarding training, use of restrictions/interventions, etc). While there was a dip in training performance data, that was explained by changes in the pool of those requiring training (to include more “bank” workers).			
6. C received another useful update – helping C to “triangulate” data – from the Positive and Proactive Forum – no overall rise in incidents – positive feedback re new role/appointment (PTU lead) – ongoing emphasis on being ambitious re continuous improvement in this important area. Satisfactory explanations provided regarding the use of 2 prone restraints in the relevant time period.			
7. Mental Capacity Act update report provide and noted. Completed audit results expected to be presented to “Clinical Board” next month and, then, to C at its next meeting.			
8. While it could not be ruled out, no material adverse impact was expected, in the coming period, on issues relevant to C, from (a) Covid-19 or (b) industrial action.			
Decisions / Recommendations			

9. **Associate Hospital managers** report approved.
10. Previous minutes approved.

Risks discussed:

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

New risks identified:

- Nothing material at board level

Report completed by:

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