

## Escalation and Assurance Report

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**Report from the: Mental Health Legislation Committee (“MHLC”)**

**Date of meeting: 26 May 2022**

**Report to the Board of Directors**

### Key escalation and discussion points from the meeting

#### Alert:

- No items to escalate

#### Advise:

- Terms of Reference were approved -key change of exec lead for the committee to Medical Director from joint leads between COO and Medical director.
- Although V& A reducing on wards focus needed and will be given on self harming
- In line with the principle of no force first, incidents of restrictive practices under review

#### Assure:

- The committee were assured that plans are in place to ensure performance across the dashboard with high levels of compliance on the training dashboard -Mental Capacity Act Training compliance is 96.12% and reduction in violence and aggression on wards
- Sexual safety pilot on Heather ward successful and now being rolled out to all wards
- The committee was assured that plans are progressing to recruit sufficient Associate Hospital Managers to fulfil this vital role
- Development of app to monitor and govern use of blanket restrictions

#### Risks discussed:

- National data suggests BDCFT is a high user of restrictions. Suggested that this references difference in data quality and local comparisons of like for like data are being sought.

#### New risks identified:

- Concern re return to no smoking policy(driven by national policy) and impact on ward atmosphere, behaviour and restrictions. Historically linked to increase in AWOL and V&A incidents. Proactive steps to be taken to ensure risks are minimised.

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