

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Emergency Preparedness (EPRR) Core Standards Self-Assessment		Date: 3 rd November 2022	
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Purpose				
The purpose of the paper is to update the Board with the outcome of this years annual self-assessment against NHS England's Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR).			Approval	
			Assurance	
			Update	x
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
X			X	
Identify which principal risk this report relates to:				
PR1	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care			
PR2	Demand that overwhelms capacity			
PR3	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability			
PR4	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy			
PR5	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation			
PR6	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits			
PR7	Major disruptive incident			x
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Resilience Assurance Committee (September 2022) Risk Committee (October 2022)				
Executive Summary				
<p>Annually the Trust must submit to NHS England a self-assessment of its Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) arrangements by rating itself against the Core Standards, which are designed around the six legal obligations the Trust must comply with under the Civil Contingencies Act (2004).</p> <p>There are four possible outcomes from the process:</p> <p>Full Compliance Substantial Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliant</p> <p>For the past three years the Trust has held a Substantial Compliance rating.</p> <p>The Emergency Planning Officer completes the assessment, after gathering and preparing the required evidence. The assessment is then subject to a confirm and challenge session led by NHS England and our ICB partners.</p> <p>This year the process was much more rigorous than previous years and highlighted minor gaps in plans, previously deemed good and compliant. The Trust rating this year has therefore dropped to</p>				

Partial Compliance.

The following table shows the categories against which the assessment is judged and the non or partially compliant areas:

Core Standards	Total standards applicable	Fully compliant	Partially compliant	Non-compliant
Governance	6	6	1	0
Duty to risk assess	2	2	0	0
Duty to maintain plans	10	7	3	0
Command and control	2	2	0	0
Training and exercising	4	4	0	0
Response	7	6	1	0
Warning and informing	4	4	0	0
Cooperation	4	2	2	0
Business Continuity	10	6	4	0
CBRN	14	14	0	0
Total	64	53	11	0

Some of the partially compliant areas related to a specific line in a plan or policy.

In no area was the Trust non-compliant. A number of the partially compliant sections have already been addressed and the EPO will work to address the remainder over the coming weeks and months.

It should be noted that SFH is not an outlier in having its score downgraded, as our colleagues at other partners have returned similar results.

Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the result of the 2022 Core Standards self-assessment process.