

Board of Directors

Report

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Executive Summary

The Board Risk Committee (BRC) met on 17th January 2017. This paper summarises the key items on the agenda for the attention of the Board of Directors:

- The Committee received an update from the Head of Estates & Facilities on the management of estates risks within the Trust; the area of highest risk at present, both in terms of compliance and operational service continuity, concerns the condition of the certain aspects of the retained estate.
- Planned investments within the capital programme have been prioritised to address essential maintenance issues and opportunities to reduce revenue costs through the PFI arrangements; in light of the current level of risk, the Committee requested that the Head of Estates and Facilities prepare a report for consideration by the Executive Team to enable a range of strategic options to be considered.
- Significant corporate and operational risks were reviewed – the delivery of future control totals and the aggregated patient safety risks within Medicine division remain high; progress has been made to address the operational risk relating to the WinPath IT system in Pathology, with the transfer of the system to a new server scheduled to take place before the end of January.
- Assurance was received that revised Terms of Reference for the Information Governance Group, to include greater emphasis on information security and regular involvement from NHIS, will enhance the Trust's information risk management capability and ensure that there is appropriate escalation where necessary.
- The Principal Risks within the Board Assurance Framework (BAF) were reviewed and it was noted that there have been no material changes this month.
- The Committee approved the annual review of the Risk Management Policy, which included only minor amendments to reflect the evolution of procedural elements of risk management practice throughout the year.
- A Risk Management Strategy 2017-20 and Improvement Plan were approved, outlining the approach and actions the Trust plans to take to fully embed effective risk management practice throughout the organisation; the Committee will receive 6-monthly updates on progress against the Plan.
- Risk management training will be incorporated within a new Good Governance Training & Education Programme to be introduced from April 2017; this will include a range of classroom based training sessions, supplemented by e-learning materials and guidance documents; the communication of governance and risk messages will be delivered through a refreshed Learning Matters newsletter and the Staff Bulletin.

Recommendation

1. The Board of Directors are asked to receive and review this report from the Board Risk Committee.

Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)

Ensure the highest standards of safe care are consistently delivered by, and for, individuals, teams and departments	Ensure that patients experience the very best care, building on good practice and listening and learning from both negative and positive feedback and events
Provide timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care when people need it and safely reduce the time patients spend in hospital	Raise the level of staff engagement through strong leadership, communication, feedback and recognition
Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by reducing costs, improving utilisation of resources and productivity, and achieving best value for money	Work in partnership to keep people well in the community, and enable them to return as soon as they are ready to leave hospital

How has organisational learning been disseminated	Through management teams, internal governance structures and the use of the Datix risk register.
Links to the BAF	All BAF Risks are reviewed by the BRC each month.
Financial Implications/Impact	None specific to this report.
Legal Implications/Impact	None specific to this report.
Partnership working & Public Engagement Implications/Impact	None specific to this report.
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before	Board Risk Committee.