

Board of Directors – Public – Cover Sheet

Subject:	Board Assurance Framework and Significant Risks Report	Date:	1 st August 2024		
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Purpose					
To enable the Board to review the effectiveness of risk management within the Board Assurance Framework (BAF) and approve the proposed changes agreed by the respective Board committees, and for oversight of significant operational risks.				Approval	✓
				Assurance	
				Update	
				Consider	
Strategic Objectives					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	Improve health and wellbeing within our communities	Continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estates	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Principal Risk					
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				✓
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change				✓
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before					
Lead Committees review individual principal risks at each formal meeting (Quality Committee; People Committee; Finance Committee; Partnerships & Communities Committee; Risk Committee). Risk Committee reviews the full BAF quarterly.					
Acronyms					
See below					
Executive Summary					
<p>Each principal risk in the BAF is assigned to a Lead Director as well as to a Lead Committee, to enable the Board to maintain effective oversight of strategic risks through a regular process of formal review.</p> <p>Lead committees have been identified for specified principal risks and consider these at each meeting, providing a rating as to the level of assurance they can take that the risk treatment strategy will be effective in mitigating the risk.</p> <p>The Risk Committee further supports the Lead Committees in their role by maintaining oversight of the organisation's divisional and corporate risk registers and escalating risks that may be pertinent to the lead committee's consideration of the BAF.</p>					

To provide Board oversight, a report of significant operational risks is available in the reading room. This report outlines significant risks on the Trust's risk register at the time of the last Risk Committee, and the respective principal risks on the Board Assurance Framework to which they apply.

The Risk Committee reviews all significant risks recorded within the Trust's risk register every month. This process enables the Committee to take assurance as to how effectively significant risks are being managed and to intervene where necessary to support their management, and to identify risks that should be escalated.

Proposed amendments to the BAF, agreed by the respective Lead Committees, are on the attached document - additions to the text are in red type and removals are in blue type (struck out).

Schedule of BAF reviews since last received by the Board of Directors on 6th June:

- Quality Committee: PR1 and PR2 – July; PR5 – June and July
- People Committee: PR3 – July
- Finance Committee: PR4 and PR8 – July
- Partnerships and Communities: PR6 – none
- Risk Committee: PR7 – June and July

At the April Board workshop, it was agreed that PR6 needs a re-write to reflect the current position. However, the Partnership & Communities Committee has not met since the Board workshop, so this is scheduled to be discussed at their August meeting.

The People Committee meeting is scheduled for 30th July, so the proposed changes have not been discussed by the Committee at the time of writing this report.

PR1, PR2, PR3 and PR4 remain significant risks; PR7 is proposed to increase to significant to reflect the current cyber threats to 3rd party suppliers.

PR1, PR2, PR3, PR4 and PR8 are all above their tolerable risk ratings. If the PR7 score increase is approved this will also be above its tolerable level.

Board members are requested to:

- Review the principal risks in light of proposed changes agreed by the respective lead committees
- Consider the implications of any current risk ratings being above tolerable levels
- Agree any further changes
- Approve the BAF subject to any further changes identified

Acronyms used in the Board Assurance Framework

Acronym	Description
AHP	Allied Health Professional
BAF	Board Assurance Framework
BAME	Black, Asian and minority ethnic
BSI	British Standards Institution
CAS	Central Alerting System
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CYPP	Children and Young People's Plan
DoF	Director of Finance
DPR	Divisional Performance Report
ED	Emergency Department
EoLC	End of Life Care
ePMA	Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration
EPRR	Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response
ERIC	Estates Return Information Collection
eTTO	electronic To Take Out (medications)
FC	Finance Committee
FIP	Financial Improvement Plan
FM	Facilities Management
GIRFT	Getting it Right First Time
HQIP	Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership
HSE	Health and safety Executive
HSIB	Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch
HSJ	Health Service Journal
ICB	Integrated Care Board
ICP	Integrated Care Partnership
ICS	Integrated Care System
IGAF	Information Governance Assurance Framework
IPC	Infection prevention and control
JAG	Joint Advisory Group
LGBT	Lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans
MEMD	Medical Equipment Management Department
MFFD	Medically fit for discharge
MHRA	Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MSFT	Medically safe for transfer
NEMS	NEMS Community Benefit Services (formerly Nottingham Emergency Medical Services)
OD	Organisational development
PC&IC	People, Culture and Improvement Committee
PCI	People, Culture and Improvement
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
PHE	Public Health England
PLACE	Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment
PMO	Programme Management Office

Acronym	Description
PPE	Personal protective equipment
PSC	Patient Safety Committee
PSC	Patient Safety Culture
QC	Quality Committee
QIPP	Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention
SDEC	Same Day Emergency Care
SFFT	Staff Friends and Family Test
SI	Serious incident
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
SOF	Single Oversight Framework
TIAN	The Internal Audit Network
TMT	Trust Management Team
TTO	To Take Out (medications)
UEC	Urgent and Emergency Care
UKAS	United Kingdom Accreditation Service
UKHSA	UK Health Security Agency
WAND	We're Able aNd Disabled
WDES	Workforce Disability Equality Standard
WRES	Workforce Race Equality Standard