Healthier Communities, Outstanding Care

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Sherwood Forest Hospitals
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Board of Directors Meeting in Public

Subject:	EPRR Core Standards Self-Assessment 2019	Date: 3rd October 2019
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Purpose			
To **ASSURE** the Board of Directors that the Trust is compliant with the NHS England Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness	**Approval**		
	Assurance	X	
	Update		
	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	

Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	**Sufficient**	**Limited**	**None**
		x		

Risks/Issues	
Financial	The Trust has legal obligations to be prepared
Patient Impact	Patient services must be continued in any major incident
Staff Impact	Trust staff need to know that we have planned for major incidents
Services	Key services need to be able to continue in the event of a major incident
Reputational	Emergency Preparedness is essential for the reputation of the Trust

Committees/groups where this item has been presented before
Resilience Assurance Committee 15th August 2019

Executive Summary

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).

The submission will create one of four possible compliance ratings;
Full Compliance
Substantial Compliance
Partial Compliance
Not Compliant

The process is led by the Trust's Emergency Planning Officer with oversight by the Resilience Assurance Committee.

There are 64 sub-sections to the Core Standards split between ten main headings:
Governance
Duty To Risk Assess
Duty to Maintain Plans

Command & Control
Training & Exercising
Response
Warning & Informing
Cooperation
Business Continuity
CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear)

This is depicted clearly in the following table:

Core Standards	Total standards applicable	Fully compliant	Partially compliant	Non compliant
Governance	6	6	0	0
Duty to risk assess	2	2	0	0
Duty to maintain plans	14	14	0	0
Command and control	2	2	0	0
Training and exercising	3	3	0	0
Response	7	7	0	0
Warning and informing	3	3	0	0
Cooperation	4	4	0	0
Business Continuity	9	6	3	0
CBRN	14	14	0	0
Total	64	61	3	0

The self-assessment is then subject to a "confirm and challenge" by senior NHSE/I and CCG EPRR staff who issue a formal letter confirming our level of compliance.

This year, apart from not meeting the criteria on the Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) in just three areas, the Trust was fully compliant. This means we received a rating of "Substantially Compliant", which is the same rating as last year, but with fewer non-compliant areas.

This is a positive reflection of the engagement and work done at Divisional level and the oversight applied by the Trust's Resilience Assurance Committee.

The Trusts Emergency Planning Officer will continue to develop the BCMS so that the Trust can achieve a full compliance rating in the near future.

It should be stressed however, that a recent 360 Assurance audit into our BCMS concluded that it provided "Significant Assurance".

A key Governance requirement is that the Trust's annual compliance rating is submitted to the Board for assurance.

The complete Core Standards submission is available on request from the Emergency Planning Officer – mark.stone3@nhs.net

Recommendation

The Board is asked to be **Assured** by this assessment.