

**Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet**

<b>Subject:</b>	Emergency Preparedness (EPRR) Core Standards Self-Assessment		<b>Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023</b>		
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<b>Approved By:</b>	Rachel Eddie – Chief Operating Officer				
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<b>Purpose</b>					
The purpose of the paper is to update the Board with the outcome of this year’s annual self-assessment against NHS England’s Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR).				<b>Approval</b>	
				<b>Assurance</b>	
				<b>Update</b>	<b>x</b>
				<b>Consider</b>	
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Improve health and well-being within our communities	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	To continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estate	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
<b>x</b>			<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>
<b>Principal Risk</b>					
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				<b>x</b>
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust’s impact on climate change				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>					
<b>None</b>					
<b>Acronyms</b>					
EPO – Emergency Planning Officer EPRR – Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response ICB – Integrated Care Board					
<b>Executive Summary</b>					
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Compliance</li> <li>• Substantial Compliance</li> <li>• Partial Compliance</li> <li>• Non-Compliant</li> </ul> <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>					

Our initial submission this year had only three areas of partial compliance which would have meant the Trust achieving a substantial rating.

However, the confirm and challenge sessions identified some gaps in our evidence and also some changes in the evidence requirement, meaning we attained a level of compliance of 83%. This equates to a partial rating.

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

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	11	6	5	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	3	1	0
Business Continuity	10	6	4	0
CBRN	12	12	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>

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

In no area was the Trust non-compliant, and the EPO will work to address the partially compliant sections over the coming weeks and months.

#### Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to be **UPDATED** with the result of the 2023 Core Standards self-assessment process.