

Item: 8.2.3

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## BOARD

30 JANUARY 2024

### Report Title:

Approved minutes from the Quality and Safety Committee – meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November

### Purpose of report

To provide the Board with an overview of the discussions at the meeting of the Quality and Safety Committee held in November 2023, including the approved minutes for assurance.

### Key points

The confirmed minutes from the meeting of the Quality and Safety Committee held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 are attached at Appendix 1.

In November, the Committee considered several issues and supporting papers including:

**Patient story** - A video was shared with the Committee concerning a patient's journey through the health system following a head injury and neurorehabilitation interventions that followed.

#### **ICB Quality Report - key risks, issues and assurances in North Cumbria, North, Central and Tees Valley**

The Director of Nursing (Tees Valley) ran through the covering report outlining the current risks and issues within each of the four geographical areas within the ICB.

Updates included issues with Continuing Health Care provision, safeguarding updates, Learning from Lives and Deaths (LeDeR) capacity, software/IT system incidents from provider Trusts and maternity provision within the ICB area.

#### **IT Related Serious Incidents across NENC Foundation Trusts**

The report provided the Committee with a brief overview of serious incidents (SIs) and associated themes relating to failures in digital systems / software, that have been reported by North East and North Cumbria (NENC) providers since 1 July 2022.

The Chair suggested that this issue should be escalated to the ICB Board for information and assurance (received at Board in November).

#### **Maternity update**

The Committee received an overview of key areas of ongoing workstreams within maternity which provided updates on key areas of risk.

The main areas of pressure for Trusts were:

- Staffing challenges: the report highlighted the support that the Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) had provided.
- The impact on morale following the Care Quality Commission (CQC) reports and the degree of support provided dependant on the rating of services.
- Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) navigation and compliance
- Saving Babies Lives care bundle around smoking and diabetes in pregnancy: it was explained that a large amount of time was taken up going through the elements of the implementation tool.

### **Involvement and Engagement Update**

The report provided the Committee with an update on the ICB's involvement and engagement activity across the ICB area.

A new dashboard of the team activities had been included as an appendix to the report. A significant amount of work had been undertaken to capture learning, themes and key trends and emphasise emerging issues.

### **Transforming Care Update**

A detailed presentation was given showing the inpatient position at the end of quarter one, 30 June 2023. The information included statistics concerning the number of adults in secure services, children in hospital beds, the numbers of new admissions and discharges within the reporting period.

### **Paediatric Hearing Services**

The Committee was provided with an update on the Paediatric Hearing Services Improvement Programme system.

There had been a national request to review all paediatric audiology screening services following concerns around inappropriate screening following new born detection of concerns. A regional board had been established by NHS England (NHSE). All ICBs were asked to ensure all Foundation Trusts completed a self-assessment document that would be reviewed by a paediatric audiology lead within NHSE. At the time of writing the report not all Trust responses had been received, however the Committee was assured that these had now all been received and were being reviewed.

### **Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF)**

The report presented provided an overview of the ICB workstream to support the transition to the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) for all providers under the Standard NHS Contract.

The ICB was working with the Foundation Trusts to ensure they had a PSIRF plan and policy signed off by the end of November. The Committee was assured that the majority were on track to deliver this request.

### **Cancer Alliance Report**

The Committee received a presentation which provided members with an overview of key quality updates from the Northern Cancer Alliance (NCA) Board and the national cancer programme.

### **Risk register**

The Committee received the regular risk report highlighting risks within the remit of the Quality and Safety Committee.

There were two new risks included in the report:

- The impact of industrial action for health providers – this was rated as a high risk. Detail of the controls and mitigation were included in the appendices.
- The global shortage of ADHD medication, this had been reported as a low risk.

## **Risks and issues**

The Committee will continue to receive and review the corporate risks aligned to the quality and safety portfolio to provide assurance to the Board that the quality and safety risks contained within the corporate risk register reflect the current environment.

## **Assurances**

The clinical quality exception report and other supporting reports provide the Committee with a range of data and assurance sources.						
<b>Recommendation/action required</b>						
The Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive the approved minutes from the Quality and Safety Committee meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Appendix 1) for assurance.</li> </ul>						
<b>Acronyms and abbreviations explained</b>						
As described in the minutes.						
<b>Sponsor/approving executive director</b>	Eileen Kaner, Chair of the Quality and Safety Committee and Non-Exec Director David Purdue, Executive Chief Nurse and People Officer					
<b>Date approved by executive director</b>	23/01/2024					
<b>Report author</b>	Neil Hawkins, Head of Corporate Affairs					
<b>Link to ICP strategy priorities (please tick all that apply)</b>						
Longer and Healthier Lives						✓
Fairer Outcomes for All						✓
Better Health and Care Services						✓
Giving Children and Young People the Best Start in Life						✓
<b>Relevant legal/statutory issues</b>						
Note any relevant Acts, regulations, national guidelines etc						
<b>Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper? (please tick)</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	✓	<b>N/A</b>	
If yes, please specify						
<b>Equality analysis completed (please tick)</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>		<b>N/A</b>	✓
<b>If there is an expected impact on patient outcomes and/or experience, has a quality impact assessment been undertaken? (please tick)</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>		<b>N/A</b>	✓
<b>Key implications</b>						
<b>Are additional resources required?</b>	None at this stage.					
<b>Has there been/does there need to be appropriate clinical involvement?</b>	Appropriate clinical representation within the membership of the Committee. Terms of reference to include representation from Nursing Directors and Medical Directors.					
<b>Has there been/does there need to be any patient and public involvement?</b>	N/A.					
<b>Has there been/does there need to be partner and/or other stakeholder engagement?</b>	N/A.					