

**Cover report to the Trust Board meeting to be held on 3 October 2019**

**Trust Board paper K**

<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Quality and Outcomes Committee – Committee Chair’s Report</b> (formal Minutes will be presented to the next Trust Board meeting)
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<b>Reporting Committee:</b>	<b>Quality and Outcomes Committee</b>
<b>Chaired by:</b>	Col (Ret’d) Ian Crowe – Non-Executive Director
<b>Lead Executive Director(s):</b>	Andrew Furlong – Medical Director Carolyn Fox – Chief Nurse Darryn Kerr – Director of Estates and Facilities
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	26 September 2019

**Summary of key public matters considered by the Committee and any related decisions made:**

This report provides a summary of the key issues considered at the Quality and Outcomes Committee on 26 September 2019:

- **Thrombosis/VTE Update** – the Deputy Medical Director presented a detailed update regarding the good progress of the majority of the VTE Prevention Task and Finish Group workstreams, despite on-going challenges. He highlighted the positive performance in quarters 3 and 4 of 2018-19 against the Quality Schedule for VTE prevention. Members particularly noted that the concerns within the Coroner’s regulation 28 regarding VTE patient information and anti-embolic stockings had been addressed. Work was underway to facilitate electronic reporting and ultimately the creation of an electronic dashboard to allow real-time CMG level reporting to drive performance and allow a more robust and efficient audit programme. Once the electronic reporting and dashboard had been embedded, it was suggested that the Task and Finish Group became an Oversight Committee to monitor performance. QOC thanked the Deputy Medical Director and his team for having addressed the issues raised by the Coroner and the CQC and undertaking the necessary improvements. A further update was requested for EQB and QOC in January 2020.
- **Monthly safety update** – Members received and noted the contents of this report which included an update on the New National Patient Safety Strategy, World Patient Safety Day 2019, overdue patient safety incidents and the Patient Safety and Complaints Annual Reports. The Director of Safety and Risk briefed members on a never event (retained foreign object post procedure) and a detailed discussion took place on this unusual case. Members also noted the increase in the number of formal complaints received in August 2019. QOC approved the recommendation in the report that the Director of Safety and Risk and the Senior Patient Safety Manager be the Trust’s Patient Safety Specialists.
- **Cardiac Surgery – Briefing Note** – the Medical Director provided a briefing note re. the Cardiac Surgery service. Some team relationship issues had been reported in the Cardiac Surgery team and investigations had been undertaken. No patient harm was reported. Further to this, it had been agreed that Mr S Kendall, an experienced Cardiac Surgeon specialising in mitral surgery at South Tees University Hospitals and the incoming President of the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons (SCTS) would provide support to the unit for 1-2 days per week. Mr Kendall would work alongside the Interim Head of Service as a neutral and fresh pair of eyes for 6 months and would support improvement of both the service governance processes and team relationships. A substantive post for an experienced Consultant Cardiac Surgeon with Head of Service responsibilities would be advertised. Members received and noted the contents of this report and welcomed the approach taken.

**Items for noting**

- **Falls Update – End of Year Report 2018-19** – the QOC Chair undertook to raise some queries with the Chief Nurse outwith the meeting including the preventative actions that needed to be taken to prevent falls.
- **Clinical Audit Quarterly Update** – members noted that the new Deputy Director of Quality Assurance would be reviewing the Trust’s clinical audit programme to ensure that it was aligned to the Quality Strategy;
- **CQUIN Report 2019-20, Quality Schedule and NICE guidance** – members noted the position, the on-going work in achieving CQUINs and associated cost pressures.

- **Clinical Coding and Data Quality 2019-20 Quarterly Update** – QOC thanked the clinical coding team for the work undertaken to improve clinical coding work at UHL;
- **Schedule of External Visits;**
- **Leadership Walkabouts, and**
- **EQPB Actions – 10 September 2019.**

**Public matters requiring Trust Board consideration and/or approval:**

***Recommendations for approval:-***

- None

***Public items highlighted to the Trust Board from this meeting:-***

- Cardiac Surgery – Briefing Note

**Matters referred to other Committees:**

- None.

<b>Date of next meeting:</b>	24 October 2019
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