

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 2.7

Subject: Emergency Preparedness Resilience Response (EPRR) Core Standards

Date of Meeting: 31st October 2017

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BAF Ref	Impact on BAF
3.2	None

1. Executive Summary:

Each year, NHS England request that healthcare organisation's self-assess their emergency preparedness against a core set of emergency preparedness and resilience response (EPRR) standards in order to highlight any weaknesses in systems and develop action plans to mitigate same.

An assurance deep dive is undertaken each year. For 2017, the emphasis is on organisational governance of the emergency planning function.

The Board of Directors is requested to review and agree the results of the EPRR core standards self-assessment, and recommendations made.

2. Background:

Attached is the completed core standard for Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. The standards relevant to LHCH are concentrated on EPRR core standards and business continuity. There is limited relevance of the standards related to Hazmat CBRN (hazardous materials – chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear); MTFA (marauding terrorist firearms attack); HART (hazardous area response team).

3. Self-Assessment 2017:

For the 2017 self-assessment of the relevant EPRR core standards, LHCH can demonstrate full compliance (see attachment 2 – EPRR Core Standards). Additionally, the deep dive review has asked six specific questions regarding governance

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of the emergency planning function.

Core Standard (Governance)	LHCH Position	Action
The organisation's Accountable Emergency Officer has taken the result of the 2016/17 EPRR assurance process to a board meeting (held in public) for sign off within last 12 months	Presented to Board of Directors 31 st October 2017	None
The organisation has published the results of the 2016/17 EPRR assurance process in their annual report	Whilst results from the above Board will be published as part of minutes, this standard was introduced after the 2016/17 annual report was laid before Parliament	A formal process has been agreed with Communications Manager to ensure results are included in the 2017/18 annual report
The organisation has an identified an active Non-Executive Director (NED) who formally holds the EPRR portfolio for the organisation	This is a new expectation being retrospectively applied, and we have no lead NED for EPRR	Nominate a lead NED to act as a link person for EPRR
The organisation has an internal EPRR oversight group that oversees and drives the internal work of the EPRR function	The Risk Management and Corporate Governance Committee oversee compliance with EPRR	None
The organisation's Accountable Emergency Officer regularly attends the organisations internal EPRR oversight group	The Risk Management and Corporate Governance Committee is chaired by the Director of Research & Informatics (Chief Risk Officer)	None
The organisation's Accountable Emergency Officer regularly attends the Local Health Resilience Partnership (LHRP) meetings	This is a new expectation being retrospectively applied, and there were a number of clashes with pre-existing diary commitments in 2016/17	Diary time prioritised for future LHRP meetings

The Trust will be declaring compliance (green) against three of the above and amber for the remaining three. The results of the Governance deep dive are not included in the overall result of the EPRR assurance process for which LHCH is declaring compliance (green) against all standards.

The action plan and statement of compliance are attached (attachment 4 – Core Standards Improvement Plan) to this paper.

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4. Conclusion:

The 2017 self-assessment of the EPRR core standards has been undertaken and LHCH can demonstrate compliance with the relevant standards. Further work is required in order to declare full compliance with the governance deep dive.

5. Recommendations:

The Board of Directors is requested to:

- Review and agree the self-assessment for submission to NHS England
- Nominate a NED to act as link person for the Chief Risk Officer on all matters EPRR
- Approve the remaining actions detailed above and in the attached action plan

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