

Board of Directors (Public)

Item 5

Board Paper

Subject: Quality Governance Review
Date of Meeting: 27th January 2015
Prepared by: Sue Pemberton, Director of Nursing & Quality
Presented by: Sue Pemberton, Director of Nursing & Quality

Data Quality Rating	BAF Ref	Impact on BAF Risk Rating
Bronze	1,2	none

1. Introduction

The Quality Governance Framework was introduced in 2010 in response to the lessons learned from the failings at Mid Staffordshire Hospital. The Board of Directors must assure itself that effective arrangements are in place to continuously monitor and improve the quality of the health care it provides. The Board is expected to have assessed the trust against Monitors Quality Governance Framework. The framework consists of ten questions which are used to test the robustness of quality governance and ensure that:

- Boards accurately understand the quality of the care their organisation provides
- Boards are able to assess and mitigate risks to quality
- Quality is seen as a responsibility of the entire Board
- Trusts are committed to continuous quality improvement and have put in place the tools to address poor performance.

2. Background

The Board has carried out previous assessments against Monitor's Quality Governance Framework and a decision was made to request an external review of our evidence. The Board engaged with MIAA to request them to design and manage a process by which LHCH can undertake an assessment against Monitors Quality Governance Framework and for them to provide an independent view and rating of the evidence in place. The trust has been proactive in requesting this review in advance of considering its approach to the well led governance review, in order that it can assess its performance in line with the quality governance framework.

3. Current Conditions

The review commenced in July 2014 and an interim report was received by the trust in November 2014. The findings from the interim report resulted in the trusts overall score being calculated as 4. Monitor requires Foundation Trusts to self-assess against their quality governance framework and maintain a score of 3.5 or less. MIAA revisited the trust in December 2014 to complete the review and to issue a final score. This final review resulted in the Trust obtaining a score of 3.5 and is therefore compliant with the required standards.

The report highlights that the delivery of high quality safe care is central to the trusts overall strategy and that there is strong evidence that the key quality issues are dealt with pro-actively and that the Board obtains assurances from the Executive about the commitment to improving the quality of care.

4. Recommendations

The Board of Director to receive the final report on the assessment against Monitor's Quality Governance framework and to receive assurance that the outcome of this review is a score of 3.5 and to receive the final report.

The Quality committee will receive six monthly updates on progress against the action plan generated from the Trusts self-assessment of its compliance with Monitors Quality Governance Framework.