

Quality & Safety Committee

Summary from meeting held on 21 September 2016:

Role of NEDs in quality improvement programmes

The Committee received a request from the dementia steering group for NED sponsorship. We are aware that, in line with CQC good practice guidelines, a similar role is being created in the end of life programme. We have previously considered a special oversight role in paediatrics and the Organ Donor Committee has for some years had direct NED support.

We are concerned about the extent to which the NEDs will be able to make enough time available to do justice to such roles. Perhaps more significantly, we are concerned that programmes without NED sponsorship might be seen as less important to the Trust.

Maternity Services

We received our first report from the new Head of Midwifery and are encouraged and assured by the way she is approaching her leadership role and identifying key developmental priorities for the service and its models of care.

Oversight and Review.

Committee considered annual reports and plans relating to the following areas:

- Cervical Screening Programme
- C. difficile infection controls
- The pressure ulcer programme
- The dementia programme
- The learning disabilities programme
- Safeguarding of both adults and children
- Recent incidents and external reviews
- The Board Assurance Framework

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