

COVID Assurance Committee Key Issues Report

Report Date: 18/05/20

Report of: COVID Assurance Committee

Date of last meeting:
15/05/20

Membership Numbers: 5

Quoracy met = 100% attendance including the Chair and Deputy Chair

1 **Agenda**

The Committee continues to meet weekly. The Committee considered an agenda which included the following:

- Level of demand of Covid-19 and non Covid patients
- Management of risk across patient safety, workforce, equipment and capacity
- Impact on services and for workforce
- Emerging plans for Restoration & Recovery

2a **Alert**

The Committee wish to alert members of the Board that:

- A number of operational pressures remain – PPE, Testing capacity, Medicines
- Covid positive patient numbers reduced after initial peak but remain steady rather than rapidly reducing
- SATH has 911 BAME staff across Care groups and other departments; risk assessment process in progress
- The impact of enhanced IPC/Social Distancing measures is being calculated, but is likely to be significant
- Public support continues to be excellent – broad-ranging and generous

2b **Assurance**

The Committee wish to assure members of the Board that:

- Close monitoring of Covid activity and risk continues, with an Incident Command Centre remaining in place
- Restoration & Recovery Steering group has been set up to manage the next phases of activity during 2020/21
- Close working with local STP well embedded (inc daily Gold meeting) as well as ongoing dialogue with UHNM/Staffs as required

2c **Advise**

The Committee wish to advise members of the Board that:

- MLU births and Home births have returned to pre-Covid arrangements
- SATH UTC Activity and care at the MIUs continues to provide patients with a beneficial alternative to ED
- GP referred Phlebotomy service has been transferred to 4 community sites
- Initial 4 service changes increased/recommended w/c 18th May (fertility, selected Paediatric services, urgent surgery (Urology, Upper GI) and urgent endoscopy)

2d **Review of Risks**

a) The Committee reviewed the Board Assurance Framework for Assurance on the following risks:

- 1171

Level of assurance provided: **Moderate**

Click for option.

b) In considering these risks, the Committee can confirm:

Check box to confirm

1 The BAF risks are up-to-date



- 2 The direction of travel stated is current and correct
- 3 The current risk rating is correct
- 4 There is no additional/updated content (controls/assurances) or new risk(s) that needs to be added?

If there are changes to content or new risks identified the Committee recommends to the Board

Click for BAF risk option

Recommendation:

3	Actions to be considered by the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to be noted • 		
4	Report compiled by	<i>Mr Ben Reid Chair of Committee</i>	Minutes available from	<i>Mr David Holden Committee Support</i>