

Board of Directors' Meeting May 2021

Agenda item	105/21			
Report	Ockenden Report Assurance Committee (22/04/21) Co-Chairs' Summary Highlight Report			
Executive Lead	Director of Governance & Communications			
	Link to strategic pillar:		Link to CQC domain:	
	Our patients and community	√	Safe	
	Our people	√	Effective	
	Our service delivery	√	Caring	
	Our partners	√	Responsive	
	Our governance	√	Well Led	√
	Report recommendations:		Link to BAF / risk:	
	For assurance	√	BAF 1, BAF 4	
	For decision / approval		Link to risk register:	
	For review / discussion		970, 1083, 1930, 2027, 2065	
	For noting			
	For information			
For consent				
Presented to:	N/A			
Dependent upon (if applicable):	N/A			
Executive summary:	<p>1. The second meeting of the Ockenden Report Assurance Committee was held on 22nd April 2021 and was livestreamed in public. This brief report provides a summary of key points/issues that the Co-Chairs wish to draw to the attention of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>2. Recommendation</p> <p>The Board of Directors is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take assurance from the contents of the report 			
Appendices	None.			

Ockenden Report Assurance Committee

22nd April 2021

Co-Chairs' Summary Highlight Report

1. The second meeting of the Ockenden Report Assurance Committee was held on 22nd April 2021 and was livestreamed in public. This brief report provides a summary of the key themes discussed and highlights any particular matters which the Co-Chairs feel should be drawn to the attention of the Board of Directors.
2. On this occasion Ms Jane Garvey chaired the meeting. In addition to the usual member and attendees, Mr Richard Kennedy (Medical Director, Birmingham Local Maternity System and Clinical Lead, Obstetrics, University Hospital Birmingham) joined the meeting and supported the Committee in its deliberations. The meeting also continued to be supported by our partners from Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
3. Following the request at the last meeting that members of the public submit questions to the Committee, it was pleasing to note that a number of questions had been submitted and answers provided. The Committee remains keen to hear from any members of the public about the important matters that are being considered. It is worth noting that the intention is also to set up a dedicated webpage to feature the work and papers of the Committee, as well as other relevant improvement work relating to the Trust's Maternity Services.
4. The meeting initially focussed on the outstanding item from the previous meeting, the Immediate and Essential Actions Theme 1 – Enhanced Safety, and received a detailed presentation from Dr Mei-See Hon (Clinical Director, Maternity Services) and Mr Martyn Underwood (Medical Director, Women & Children's Division) for each of the required actions. This national theme emphasises the need to strengthen maternity units across England by increasing partnerships between Trusts and within local networks. In discussion, we heard of the importance of the need for a broader LMNS (Local Maternity and Neonatal System) footprint for the Trust beyond the current single provider membership and the work that is progressing to deliver this. We also heard about the work underway to deliver a maternity services performance metrics dashboard at the LMNS level and the part that Badgernet would play.
5. The meeting considered Local Action for Learning Theme 2: Maternal Deaths and again heard from Dr Hon and Mr Underwood regarding progress in implementing the three required actions. The Committee heard about the progress in implementing a clear Standard Operating Procedure to deal with escalation to consultant obstetricians (LAFL 4.72), the arrangements for women with pre-existing co-morbidities (LAFL 4.73), and for the management of high risk women by a named consultant (LAFL 4.74).

6. Finally, the Committee very helpfully heard from Dr Wendy Tyler, Consultant Neonatologist, regarding Local Actions for Learning Theme 4: Neonatal Services. Some similar themes emerge in relation to these required actions particularly in relation to documentation, the importance of Badgernet, and the continued emphasis of the need for even more partnership working.
7. In the first Co-Chairs summary highlight report, some key messages were highlighted and these remain relevant, and we recognise that, as the work of the Committee progresses, it may be the case that some consistent themes emerge. There is evidence of some good progress in relation to delivering the actions that have been reviewed so far. The emergent themes from this meeting are
 - a. for those actions signalled as delivered, there is a need to ensure that the actions are audited to confirm that they are properly embedded. Whilst recognising that this will take time to deliver, this is the level of assurance that is necessary and which the team/Trust have committed to deliver;
 - b. the importance of the implementation and roll out of the Badgernet electronic patient record system, which is emerging as a critical and consistent theme;
 - c. the need to build on any existing partnership working arrangements and to broaden partnership working generally.
8. The schedule of future meetings is as follows:

DATE	TIME	METHOD
Thursday 27th May 2021	09.00 – 11.30	MS Teams Live Streaming
Thursday 24th June 2021	09.00 – 11.30	MS Teams Live Streaming
Thursday 22nd July 2021	09.00 – 11.30	MS Teams Live Streaming
Thursday 26th August 2021	09.00 – 11.30	MS Teams Live Streaming
Thursday 23rd September 2021	09.00 – 11.30	MS Teams Live Streaming

**Dr Catriona McMahon & Ms Jane Garvey
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27th April 2021**