

Board of Directors' Meeting 10 June 2021

Agenda item	138/21			
Report	Ockenden Report Assurance Committee 27 th May 2021 – 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: 970, 1083, 1930, 2027, 2065	
	For review / discussion			
	For noting	√		
	For information			
For consent				
Presented to:	N/A			
Dependent upon (if applicable):	N/A			
Executive summary:	<p>1. The third meeting of the Ockenden Report Assurance Committee was held on 27th May 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 and note the contents of the report 			
Appendices	None.			

Ockenden Report Assurance Committee

Co-Chairs' Summary Highlight Report

1. The third meeting of the Ockenden Report Assurance Committee was held on 27th May 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. Again, on this occasion Ms Jane Garvey chaired the meeting. In addition to the usual member and attendees, Mr Guy Calcott (Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at SATH) joined the meeting to provide an update on the Ockenden Report action plan. Dr John Jones also attended in his role as Acting Medical Director. Regrettably, representatives of Maternity Voices Partnership were unable to attend the meeting due another pressing commitment. It is understood that this absence was a one off as we are very keen to ensure the full participation of Maternity Voices Partnership and hear their views. The meeting also continued to be supported by our partners from Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
3. Messrs Underwood and Calcott presented an update, based on the report that had been shared with the Trust Board on 6th May, on the delivery of the Ockenden Report Action Plan. It was confirmed that although there are a number of actions that are not yet delivered, there are four actions that are off track, and for which mitigating actions are in place. In particular, the meeting discussion focused on the exception reports within the action plan relating to four exceptions and the mitigating actions that are in place – Local Actions for Learning 4.65 (appointment of dedicated lead midwife and obstetrician for bereavement counselling), Local Action for Learning 4.98 (clearly documented early consultation with a neonatal intensive care unit for all babies who require neonatal intensive care), Immediate and Essential Action 1.6 (all maternity serious incident reports to be reviewed by the Board and LMNS) and Immediate and Local Action 7.2 (women must be enabled to participate equally in all decision making processes and to make informed choices about their care).
4. Dr Mei-See Hon provided an update on the Immediate and Essential Actions 2-7, explaining that IEA 1 had been reviewed at the meeting on 22nd April and that many of the IEAs are built upon the Local Actions for learning which have been previously considered.
5. The opportunity was taken to review all of the questions that had been submitted by members of the public together with the Trust's responses. The questions had been received from members of the public for the meeting in March, with none received for April. It is worth repeating here that we remain very keen to hear from women, families, and members of the public who are encouraged to get in touch with the

Trust with any questions that they have. The questions and the Trust's response will be considered by the Committee.

6. Building on some of the key messages that we have been hearing and have shared in our previous reports, it is perhaps worthwhile to highlight a few things from this meeting. First, we have identified previously the importance of clinical audit in ensuring that actions are truly embedded within the practice of the services. It was pleasing to learn that an audit tool has been developed which will enable a single large audit of medical notes to be undertaken, rather than multiple smaller audits, which will enable a number of the Ockenden Report actions to be audited at the same time and which is intended to pilot. Secondly, we have heard of some actions which will require ongoing improvement action and will form part of the Trust's approach to continuous quality improvement. Thirdly, some of the actions are dependent upon a system-wide response and the Trust Board must ensure an appropriate and timely system response.
7. The Committee also took the opportunity to take stock and explore with the third parties and stakeholders present what they thought of what they had heard so far from the first three meetings and what else might be considered for future meetings. In response and encouragingly, the third parties and stakeholders present all confirmed that they remained very supportive of the process and encouraged by the progress that was being made. Here, it is appropriate to pay an especial thanks to the work and commitment of the obstetricians and midwives who are working to implement the actions of the Ockenden Report in order to improve maternity services. The Committee is particularly grateful to the clinicians who support its work and continue to do the 'day job' – Drs Hon and Tyler, and Messrs Underwood and Calcott.
8. The Committee has now almost completed an initial review of the all of the Ockenden Report Actions (both the Local Actions for Learning and the national Immediate and Essential Actions) with the exception of the exception of LAFL 3 – Obstetric Anaesthesia, which will be reviewed at a future meeting. Consequently, the Committee has agreed at its upcoming meetings to consider a number of emerging related themes including Saving Babies Lives, engagement strategy, the management of bereavement, and communication/culture.
9. Finally, the schedule of future meetings is as follows:

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

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1st June, 2021