

CHAIR'S KEY ISSUES

ISSUES FOR REFERRING / ESCALATING TO BOARD / COMMITTEE / TASK & FINISH GROUP

ORIGINATING BOARD / COMMITTEE / TASK & FINISH GROUP:		Integrated Assurance Committee	DATE OF MEETING ISSUE RAISED: 25.08.20
CHAIR:		Carole Taylor-Brown, Non-Executive Director	LEAD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Nick Hulme, Chief Executive
Agenda Item No.	DETAILS OF ISSUE:	FOR APPROVAL / ESCALATION / ALERT/ ASSURANCE / INFORMATION?	
1.	<p><u>Organ Donation and Transplantation Activity Report 2019/20</u></p> <p>The Committee received the national annual activity report noting for the financial year ending 31st March 2020 there were 1580 donors of which 1940 possible donors were attended by the National Organ Retrieval Service (NORS); 98% of the donations following death diagnosed by neurological criteria (DBD) and 65% of the donations following death diagnosed by circulatory criteria (DCD) proceeded to donation. 52% of the organs retrieved were transplanted (82% for kidneys, 59% for livers, 25% for pancreases, 29% for hearts, 19% for lungs, 12% for bowels).</p> <p>The numbers of deceased donors and transplants had increased year on year until the onset of the pandemic when much of the organ donation and transplant work was suspended as resources were redirected.</p> <p>The number of local donations made last year in the CCU was twice that made this year. At ESNEFT, the specialist nurse and clinical lead for organ donation along with all the critical care staff involved in looking after potential donors and those who go onto donate organs are committed to ensuring that all efforts are made to promote donation, fulfil end of life wishes and help improve the lives of others through transplantation.</p>	Information	
2.	<p><u>Financial Position Intentions</u></p> <p>The Committee received the financial position for Month 4 noting that NHSE/NHSI have provided guidance on the planning arrangements for 'Phase 3' (recovery in period up to March 2021). Deadlines have been provided for draft plan submissions by 1st September and final submission of system-level activity/performance/workforce plans is required by 21 September, except for finance where detailed guidance is still awaited. Financial planning for months 7-12 were therefore proving difficult given that no income detail nor financial guidance is available at this point in time.</p>	Alert	
3.	<p><u>Procurement Team</u></p> <p>Nick Hulme celebrated the great work carried out by the Trust's Procurement Team over the past few months ensuring that appropriate stocks of PPE were procured to keep our staff and patients safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	Information	

4.	<p><u>Freedom to Speak Up Report</u></p> <p>The Committee received an update from the Freedom to Speak Up Guardian noting a significant rise in the number of concerns raised by staff since the start of Covid-19. This has been reflected across other Trusts in the East of England. Weekly meetings are held with the Wellbeing Group and Staffside team to share information of potential hotspots and provides an opportunity to address some of the matters raised. The Freedom to Speak Up Guardian noted he has had considerable support and access to people needed to address any specific or individual concerns.</p> <p>The current Raising Concerns/ Freedom To Speak Up Policy is being reviewed nationally and once this is complete (delayed due to Covid) the ESNEFT policy will be aligned. The Freedom to Speak Up Guardian continues to support all inductions and has recorded a presentation for online use. He will also again contribute to the leaders induction programme once it is reinvigorated.</p>	Information (noting that the Board will receive a report from the Freedom to Speak Up Guardian)
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