



HNY ICB Committee Assurance and Escalation Report

Report to: HNY Integrated Care Board

Report from: Quality Committee

Date of meeting: 27 February 2025

Committee Chair: Mark Chamberlain

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Key agenda items covered by the meeting

(A bulleted list of the key agenda items discussed at the meeting)

Prior to the meeting starting members were asked to view the patient experience video [**KPOW!**](#) ([**Know the Power of Words**](#)) and agreement was reached to share with wider networks.

Governance

- ICB Quality Committee Policies
- Q4 Governance Review – Quality Committee
- Internal Audit Plan 25/26
- The Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) Audit report
- Cyber Risk and Quality Impacts

Quality

- Maternity
- Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC)
- Significant Issue
- Risk update
- Reflections of the meeting AAA
- Papers shared for information purposes only from item P01 to P15
- Risk update
- Reflections of the meeting; Alert; Advise; Assure
- Papers shared for information purposes:
 - Place Quality - 4A Report
 - Sub-committee reports
 - Board Assurance Framework (BAF)
 - After Action Review – Duplicate Mailboxes
 - Driving workforce transformation forward into 2025/26 - Survey
 - Nursing and Quality Functions, Operations and Priority arrangements with names
 - AQUA reports – Falls/Maternity
 - Temporary Escalation Spaces
 - Link to all Committee Terms of References (including Quality Committee ToR).
 - Feedback from Regional Quality Group 24 January 2025
 - Providers in Quality Improvement Group Status update
 - Healthwatch Report
 - Forward Planner 2024/2025



- Ratified Minutes System Quality Group – 12 December 2024
- AOB:

ALERT - (BY EXCEPTION ONLY key matters and/or risks to alert or escalate to ICB Board)

Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) – Quality and safety concerns continue to be raised regarding UEC and Winter planning across the system. Members were also provided with an update including the impact of high intensity users and long waits in the emergency department (ED). It was noted that in mid December ambulance handover had seen a reduction in Hull working to 45 minutes which would be replicated at NLAG and York. A winter planning review was discussed and an update will be brought to a future committee.

Significant Issue: Members ONLY were provided with the Independent Mental Health Homicide Review letter dated 5 February 2025 and the Independent Investigation Care Treatment report; both of which had been shared with CEOs addressing the recent Mental health homicide review in Nottingham. Committee members were asked to note recommendations which highlights failures in Mental Health services and to note next steps such as reviewing local action plans; looking at personalised risks and discussing the action plans at the public board by 30th June.

ADVISE AND / OR ASSURE - (BY EXCEPTION ONLY - Key decisions and any updates to advise the ICB Board on the matters the Committee was able to take assurance on or where additional information was required)

- **Policies** – approved (list appended at AP1)
- **Q4 Governance Review – Quality Committee** - Members were updated that an annual review of governance arrangements is underway.
- **Internal Audit Plan 25/26** - Members were provided with an update in support of the internal audit plan 2025/26 which included but was not limited to setting out the proposed Audit Planning for the Nursing & Quality Directorate.
- **The Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) – Audit report** - Members approved the outline audit proposal which is to provide assurance on the implementation of the new approach for responding to patient safety incidents.
- **Cyber Risk and Quality Impacts** - Members were provided with an update and discussion followed in support of Cyber Risk, Quality Impacts and business continuity.
- **Maternity** - Members were provided with an update on the current Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) position in terms of national requirements and ongoing risks within the system; with specific oversight of the AQUA work completed in 2024 supporting the Induction of Labour process across all member Trusts with maternity units.
- **Quality Committee Risk Register** – four risks are retained i.e. Maternity Mental Health; Neonatal; Primary Care; UEC Corridor Care and ambulance waiting times. A new risk was added to the MH/LDA Collaborative Risk Register in support the case of Valdo Calocane. An update was provided in support of the Nursing and Quality risk register i.e. work is underway to align all risks with the six Nursing and Quality functions (across the ICB). Engagement will continue with Place Directors and other key stakeholders.
- **AOB:** Members were provided with a brief update under the remit of Adequate Surveillance of Quality of Care Issues. A focused update will be brought to a future Quality Committee.
- **Applaud** – Members applauded Hassan Daji and his policy team and all the work to achieve approval of over 100 policies to bring them in line with the ICB.



AP1

The policies which are being retired due to them being a pathway is as follows:

- Cyclone Plus Therapy
- Rhinitis (Adult)
- Acne
- Neuro Rehabilitation
- Referral to Goole Neurorehabilitation Centre
- Diagnostic Cystoscopy (adults)
- MRI scan of the hip for arthritis
- Varicoceles
- Knee MRI for suspected meniscal tears

The policies which are being merged are as follows:

- Knee Replacement Surgery (for knee arthritis) now merged with policy 124
- Lumbar radiofrequency facet joint denervation now merged with policy 054
- Therapeutic and diagnostic injections for spinal back pain now merged with policy 054
- Half dose verteporfin photodynamic therapy for the treatment of serious chorioretinopathy - unlicensed indication policy retired as covered within 036
- Anal fissure policies are now merged with policy 060
- Circumcision - Male adults/Penile Circumcision now merged with policy 062
- Trial of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) for Obstructive Sleep Apnoea policy
- Continued Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation (PTNS) – Faecal Incontinence
- Continued Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation (PTNS) – Urinary Incontinence
- Arthroscopic Lavage and Debridement

The following policies are also being retired are as follows;

- Revisions of breast reconstruction surgery and repeated courses of nipple tattooing is being retired as this is covered by breast cancer surgery guidelines
- Liver function, creatinine kinase and lipid level tests – (Lipid lowering therapy) being retired as no previous policy found and not judged to be required
- Therapeutic ultrasound in physiotherapy is being retired as no longer required
- Nerve Conduction Studies Retired because consisted of referral criteria not use of intervention
- Scans for Shoulder Pain and Guided Injections policy retired as covered by either GIRFT pathways or planned new ultrasound guided injection policy
- Intramural urethral bulking procedures for stress urinary incontinence in women policy Retired because intervention appears to no longer be in use

Additionally policies above and beyond Tranche III also approved:

- NYY Domestic Abuse policy for Primary Care
- HNY ICB Safeguarding Supervision Policy
- HNY ICB Safeguarding Policy
- Primary Care Rebate Schemes Policy
- High Cost Drugs clinical commissioning policy