

## Report from Chair of Quality and Clinical Governance Committee (Q&amp;CGC)

Date of Committee 14 October 2025

Item	Summary of Item	Committee Decision	Further Work Required	Referral Elsewhere for Further Work	Recommendation to Board
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	Minutes from the Q&CG meeting 17 September 2025	Minutes <b>approved</b>	None	Refer to Audit Committee for <b>noting</b>	n/a
<b>Integrated Performance Report (IPR)</b> Quality Metrics – August 2025	Monthly review of key quality and healthy communities metrics including performance against national standards and actions to address risks and areas where there is variation to expected performance	<b>Assured (acceptable)</b> , noting the following: - Common cause variation across most metrics - Further work to be done to understand the reduction in performance related to developmental reviews at 2.5 years (?data issue) - Changes in practice to support increased referrals to Be Healthy Bucks	Explore whether learning from other lung health screening programmes within the region could be shared to support progress locally	n/a	To take <b>assurance</b> from the report and Committee discussions
<b>Perinatal Quality Surveillance Model (PQSM)</b>	Overview of current maternity issues, aligned with NHS England guidance and NHS Resolution standards	<b>Assured (acceptable)</b> , noting the following: - Co-production of solutions in areas where patient experience was less positive - Rationale for departure from NICE guidance related to induction of labour, related to evidence base and individualised care plans - Variability in record keeping related to cardiac arrests trust wide with focussed work to improve this, noting potential impact of EPMA	None	n/a	To <b>note</b> the potential for a CQC visit following a recent maternal death

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<b>Health Visiting Report</b>	An overview of the health visiting element of the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service	<p><b>Assured (partial)</b>, noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mechanisms in place to support prioritisation of cases and the importance of tailoring health visiting models to local population needs</li> <li>- Support to optimise staffing levels within Opportunity Bucks area</li> <li>- The use of local wellbeing initiatives to support colleagues, recognising the impact of the overall workload and areas where there are particularly high levels of safeguarding cases</li> <li>- The benefits of using ChatHealth as a digitised but personal service</li> <li>- Importance of the overall Start Well programme</li> </ul>	None	n/a	n/a
<b>Local Area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Readiness Report</b>	Summary of preparation for potential SEND inspection including the current position against those areas of concern raised during the last inspection	<p><b>Assured (acceptable)</b>, noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress since previous inspection including a significant reduction in waiting times</li> <li>- Focus on children within Opportunity Bucks areas and efforts to benchmark against other community paediatric services</li> <li>- The need for collaboration with schools/nurseries to ensure universal and targeted support in place for those with the greatest need.</li> </ul>	None	n/a	To <b>note</b> the potential for a SEND inspection

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<b>Committee Terms of Reference</b>	Annual review of Committee Terms of Reference	<b>Approved</b> with no material amendments <b>Recommended</b> to Trust Board for final ratification	None	n/a	To <b>approve</b>
<b>Quality Metrics &amp; Reporting</b>	Update on progress with the development of a comprehensive quality dashboard and next steps including finalisation, data quality, testing and rollout	<b>Noted</b> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alignment with national initiatives</li> <li>- Gaps with organisational visibility of data</li> <li>- Potential for focus on high-risk, high-volume or improvement focused areas</li> <li>- Use of the accreditation to demonstrate progress</li> <li>- The ability to present data by health inequalities metrics</li> <li>- Benefits of including more qualitative patient-reported outcome metrics</li> </ul>	None	n/a	n/a
<b>Deteriorating Patient Group Annual Report</b>	Overview of the activities of the Deteriorating Patient Group (DPG) Annual Report	<b>Noted</b> , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The group had met all planned activities during the year including implementation of Martha's Rule</li> <li>- Notable improvements in digital and audit tools related to deteriorating patients</li> <li>- Focussed work on sepsis management and treatment escalation plans and do not resuscitate orders to improve practices</li> </ul>	To ensure information related to Martha's Rule was available in multiple languages		

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<b>Any Other Business</b>	Verbal update on the MRSA cluster within the National Spinal Injuries Centre (NSIC)	<b>Noted</b> , including ongoing weekly meetings, enhanced cleaning and action plan in place	None	n/a	n/a

**Emerging risks noted:**

- None.

**Areas of good practice**

- 'In Your Shoes' event held within maternity services.