

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

Date of Committee 14 October 2025

Item	Summary of Item	Committee Decision	Further Work Required	Referral Elsewhere for Further Work	Recommendation to Board
Meeting Minutes	Minutes from the Q&CG meeting 17 September 2025	Minutes approved	None	Refer to Audit Committee for noting	n/a
Integrated Performance Report (IPR) 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	Assured (acceptable) , noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 assurance from the report and Committee discussions
Perinatal Quality Surveillance Model (PQSM)	Overview of current maternity issues, aligned with NHS England guidance and NHS Resolution standards	Assured (acceptable) , noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 note the potential for a CQC visit following a recent maternal death

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

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

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Any Other Business	Verbal update on the MRSA cluster within the National Spinal Injuries Centre (NSIC)	Noted , 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.