



Meeting: Trust Board Meeting in Public

Date: 26 November 2025

Agenda item	Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Annual report on preparedness
Board Lead	Ellis Pullinger as Accountable Emergency Officer
Author	Jeremy Meadows, Kaye Wallace
Appendices/Attachments	EPRR Board Report September 2025 EPRR Statement of Compliance 2025_26
Onward governance	n/a

Executive summary

Annually, the Trust is required to complete a self-assurance process and goes through a check-and-challenge process with Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Board (ICB) to ensure compliance with the NHS England (NHSE) EPRR 'Core Standards', which reflect NHS statutory duties under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

The Trust's rating for 2025-26 is fully compliant with the Core Standards.

The attached documentation and subsequent evidence was scrutinised and approved by the Associate Director of Emergency Planning for BOB ICB and the Trust Emergency Planning Team.

The EPRR Annual report and results of the NHSE EPRR Core Standards Annual Assurance process for 2025/26 have also been approved at the Trust Resilience Committee held in September 2025.

The assurance process requires the approved documentation and confirmation of compliance status to be noted by the Trust's Executive Team and through the Public Board process.

Level of assurance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial assurance High level of confidence in delivery of objectives	<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable assurance General confidence in delivery of objectives	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial assurance Some confidence in delivery of objectives	<input type="checkbox"/> No assurance No confidence in delivery of objectives
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Previously considered

Resilience Committee – September 2025

Executive Management Committee – 11 November 2025

The Committee noted full compliance with the standards validated internally and by the ICB.

Audit Committee – 13 November 2025

The Committee noted full compliance with the standards and discussed the need to prepare for physical security threats on site and ensure colleagues were fully aware on how to enact such plans.

Decision

The Board is requested to take substantial assurance from the report, as above.

Relevant strategic priority

Outstanding Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy Communities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Place to Work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Net Zero <input type="checkbox"/>
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Relevant breakthrough objective – 2025/26

<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in emergency admissions <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in elective waiting times	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting people to live healthier lives	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero tolerance to bullying	<input type="checkbox"/> Governance / Statutory Requirement
Decision	The Committee is requested to review and be assured of Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust (BHT)'s competencies for submission to Trust Board.		
Relevant strategic priority			
Outstanding Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy Communities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Great Place to Work <input type="checkbox"/>	Net Zero <input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant objective			
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve waiting times <input type="checkbox"/> Improve safety <input type="checkbox"/> Improve productivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve access and effectiveness of Trust services for communities experiencing the poorest outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve the experience of our new starters <input type="checkbox"/> Upskill operational and clinical managers	
Implications / Impact			
Patient Safety	No direct impact from this assurance process, full compliance with the assurance ensures BHT is working to the highest standard		
Risk: link to Board Assurance Framework (BAF) and local or Corporate Risk Register	No associated risks with this assurance process		
Financial	No financial impact		
Compliance	Compliance with NHS England EPRR Annual Assurance process to fulfil Civil Contingency Act 2004		
Partnership: consultation / communication	All required consultation with internal stakeholders and BOB ICS to achieve approval		
Equality	No direct impact from this assurance process, full compliance with the assurance ensures BHT is working to correct standards		
Quality Impact Assessment [QIA] completion required?	No		