

Report to:	Council of Governors	Agenda item:	19
Date of Meeting:	5 December 2017		

Title of Report:	Board Monitoring Group Update Report
Status:	For Approval
Board Sponsor:	Council of Governors
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Appendices	None

1. Purpose
To outline the recommended actions proposed by the Council of Governors Board Monitoring Group during the past 3 months.

2. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss etc.)
The Council of Governors is asked to discuss the recommendations.

3. Legal / Regulatory Implications (NHSLA / Value for Money Conclusion etc.)
None

4. Risk (Threats or opportunities link to risk on register etc.)
None

5. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)
None

6. Equality and Diversity
None

7. References to previous reports
None

8. Freedom of Information
Public

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Background

In June 2015, the Lead Governor expressed concern to the Council of Governors that they were not fulfilling their duties in full as RUH Governors. Whilst he suggested that the Governors were adequately representing the views and interests of the members, he felt that they were failing in the duty to hold the Non-Executive Board to account via the Non-Executives. He suggested that, as a start, some Governors should attend the Board of Directors meetings each month and see the NEDs at work. He asked for volunteers which resulted in the formation of the group.

Reporting

The Board Monitoring Group provides an update report to the Council of Governors following each Board of Directors meeting to:

- Report to CoG on the main areas being addressed by RUH Board of Directors.
- Identify the areas that may cause concern from an attendee's perspective.
- Recommend actions that could be taken.

Recommendations

The information below summarises the key recommendations from these reports. The Council of Governors is asked to discuss the recommendations and agree whether or not to implement them.

Board of Directors Meeting held on 27 September 2017	
Quality/Performance recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QWG to seek reassurance that the Nursing shortage is not affecting Quality • QWG to obtain reassurance that trust is initiating a plan to tackle patients left alone/in isolation for extended periods. • All Governors to read End of Life Care Annual report : N.B page 6 - CQC findings and consider how such principles could be learnt and dissipated to the whole hospital to achieve outstanding status 	
Finance recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S & BWG to receive briefing on content and progress of Transformation QIPP projects • S & BWG to be briefed on any alteration to the capital program 	
Other recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

Board of Directors Meeting held on 25 October 2017

Quality/Performance recommendations

- Attending Governors are aware that Sepsis and AKI are Trust safety priorities and that the focus is on training and implementation of improved procedures. We would really like the Trust to consider whether any clinical outcome data could be produced which shows the effect on for example patient morbidity/mortality to demonstrate to the public. The Quality strategy does not have any hard data/targets and we feel that it should.
- Governors are concerned about the discharge process and would like the Trust to investigate producing more detailed measures of the process - in addition to discharges before midday and DTOC performance.
- QWG to consider adding the learning points from patient stories to their workplan.
- December COG to receive an update on the Implementation of the Big 3 IT project.

Finance recommendations

- None

Other recommendations

- None