

Report to:	Council of Governors	Agenda item:	20
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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 29 November 2017

Quality/Performance recommendations

- ED attendance continues to exceed contract. Perhaps COG should seek assurance that the 2018/19 contract negotiations will make allowance for rising demand from the community and therefore the financial position will not be so adversely affected by high attendance at ED.
- QWG to keep abreast of developments in relation to care for patients with dementia
- M & OWG to ascertain the benefits for patients which derive from the ward accreditation

Finance recommendations

- None

Other recommendations

- S & BWG to obtain reassurance that QIPP targets can be delivered next year without compromising service to patients.

Board of Directors Meeting held on 20 December 2017

Quality/Performance recommendations

- QWG to receive an update on the new discharge lounge, and obtain ongoing reassurance that it is utilised for the correct purpose (not as an overflow in-pt area).
- QWG to follow up any recommendations from ECIP and monitor implementation. Also to be appraised of any implications/actions resulting from the external scrutiny of the elective plan.
- QWG to keep an eye on no. of patients who repeat fall.

Finance recommendations

- S & B/P WG to establish outcome of CCG challenges
- S & B/P WG to obtain reassurance re 2018/19 QIPP plans

Other recommendations

- M & OWG to consider whether the public are aware that they can submit written questions to the Board of Directors and whether or not this needs to be publicised

Board of Directors Meeting held on 31st January 2018

Quality/Performance recommendations

- QWG monitor figures for cancer hematology for an increase.
- In spite of problems patients experience a good experience of care and the staff are to be congratulated.

Finance recommendations

- S & BWG continue to work to establish outcome of the CCG challenges
- S & BWG continue to obtain reassurance re 2018/19 QIPP plans

Other recommendations

- None