

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	6
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Title of Report:	Update on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response
Status:	For discussion
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Appendices	None

## 1. Executive Summary of the Report

Board update paper for Covid-19. Since the last board report the situation has evolved rapidly with new national guidance, local implementation of incident management and a changed model of care to support the clinical management of the virus. The Trust has experienced activity including COVID-19 patient screening, management of positive patients as inpatients and as discharged patients and within the critical care model of care.

### Resilience status:

The Trust is now operating in 'critical incident' mode and the wider regional EPRR status is Level 4 National Emergency.

#### Governance and structure:

The Trust has established Bronze, Silver and Gold command now working in critical incident mode. This involves daily executive and clinical leadership oversight, planning and response in all areas of core clinical and non-clinical support. This is being supported by an Incident Command Centre which will be fully operational by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

There are also regular BSW System Wide and South West calls which the Trust is feeding in to.

# Current status prevalence of Covid 19 virus at RUH totals since screening began:

367 screened patients

16 positive attendances and inpatients

1 patients deceased

### **Key Risks:**

Main active risks are linked to staffing capability and the current isolation advice and guidance and supply of PPE equipment.

## 2. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss)

The board is asked to acknowledge and note the incident response approach to COVID-19.

Board to consider and note specific disruption to current operating model and performance standards due to COVID-19 response is required.

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# 3. Legal / Regulatory Implications

Civil Contingencies Act 2004, NHS England EPRR Core Standards

# 4. Risk (Threats or opportunities, link to a risk on the Risk Register, Board Assurance Framework etc)

A specific Covid-19 risk will be developed under the Board Assurance Framework.

## Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)

A specific task and finish group will be developing the expected COVID-19 resource implications in the coming week.

Extra administrative staffing resource has been provided to the Resilience Team.

Key senior leaders have been identified and redeployed to provide critical support to key functions in the management of this incident.

# 6. **Equality and Diversity**

Nil

## 7. References to previous reports

Nil

#### 8. Freedom of Information

No FOI requests made to date