

TRUST BOARD

Date of Meeting: 15/05/2012	Agenda Item No: 7.3	Enclosure: 7
Intended Outcome:		
For noting	For information	For decision ✓
Title of Report: Review of Clinical Governance – Annual Report 2011/12		
Aims: To update the Trust Board on the review of Clinical Governance, which was undertaken across the Trust during 2011/12.		
Executive Summary:		
<p>In January 2011 the Trust Board approved specific terms of reference to undertake a review of clinical governance across the Trust. The review was based on the following core objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective 1 - To examine compliance and evidence of meeting CQC Essential Standards of Safety and Quality and how this information is shared with stakeholders. • Objective 2 - Independent assessment of the robustness of the Trust's Clinical Audit function. • Objective 3 - Independent assessment of the provision and monitoring of mandatory training across nursing, medical and non clinical staff. • Objective 4 - Independent assessment of the robustness of the Trust's system for the recording and monitoring of appraisals for all staff. • Objective 5 - Independent assessment of the robustness of the Trust's system for recording and monitoring compliance with NICE clinical guidance, including the reviewing of clinical guidelines based on best practice. • Objective 6 - To determine whether the Trust's strategy for Governance, Risk and Quality is fully embedded across all wards and departments in the Trust. • Objective 7 - To determine whether the current governance support structure is fit for purpose to support the implementation and development of effective clinical governance across the Trust. • Objective 8 - To determine whether all specialties have in place robust clinical audit and review systems, including external peer review and benchmarking to ensure effective clinical governance arrangements are in place for all clinical specialties. <p>In July 2011, the Trust Board approved the outcomes from the review and agreed to incorporate the recommendations into a Governance Improvement Plan for 2011/12. The plan has been monitored throughout the year by both the Governance and Quality Committee and the Audit Committee.</p> <p>This report (attached at Appendix 1) provides the Board with details on the achievements that have been made during the last eight months and outlines recommendations for 2012/13 to ensure the Trust continues with the progress it has made on improving clinical governance across the organisation.</p>		

Overview of key areas for consideration or noting:

- Significant progress has been made against the 61 recommendations with eight recommendations being at Amber as at 31 March 2012.
- It is important for the Board to have in place clear objectives for 2012/13 to build on the work which has been achieved, but also prepare the Trust for being acquired and being part of a significantly different compliance and governance regime as an NHS Foundation Trust.

Specific implications and links to the Trust's Strategic Aims:

Ensure we provide high quality, safe and effective care for all our patients including meeting essential standards of safety and quality as set out by the CQC	✓
Develop a viable integrated clinical strategy for secondary care services which is sustainable and affordable	
Develop a new healthcare facility in West Cumbria that is fit for the 21st century	
Achieve sustainable financial balance through the delivery of the Trust's internal Cost Improvement Programme, securing a viable contract income from our GP commissioners and contributing to the system wide cost reductions	
To develop and implement a successful merger or acquisition plan that enables the Trust to become part of an existing NHS Foundation Trust	✓

Recommendations:

That the Board notes the progress made on implementing the governance review and approves the key priority areas identified in Appendix 1 to form the main basis of the governance objectives for 2012/13.

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