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Title: **Integrated Assurance Committee Report**

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Key Purpose: **Assurance**

Integrated Assurance Committee Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1. As a Committee of the Trust Board, the Integrated Assurance Committee provides a regular report to the Board on main issues raised and discussed at its meetings.
- 1.2. Since the last report to the Board held in public, the Integrated Assurance Committee had met on 8 December 2021.
- 1.3. Under its terms of reference, the Integrated Assurance Committee is responsible for reporting to the Board items discussed, actions agreed and issues to be referred to the Board, indicating the extent to which the Committee was able to take assurance from the evidence provided and where additional information was required.

2. Key Areas of Discussion

Integrated Performance Report

- 2.1. The Committee received this regular report on performance across operational, quality, workforce, digital and financial metrics. Members received verbal updates in four areas, detailed below:

System Urgent Care

- 2.2. The Chief Nursing Officer reported on activity to reduce pressure at the hospital front door. This included resources for public communications, work to develop two urgent treatment centres, and the use of community same day emergency care pathways.
- 2.3. The Omicron variant of COVID-19 was discussed. The Chief Medical Officer briefed the Committee on the Trust's COVID-19 contact policy for staff and it was agreed that Non-Executive Directors would be contacted with a briefing when the Trust's COVID-19 plans were enacted.
- 2.4. It was agreed that plans for committees to meet face-to-face in January 2022 should be suspended.

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- 2.5. The Chief Operating Officer outlined ongoing work to enable the Trust to meet its H2 target. The Committee requested more detail on the segmentation of the data, to support the Trust to take decisions supported by a coherent narrative.

Digital Workplan and Information Governance

- 2.6. The Committee received a progress report from the Chief Digital and Partnerships Officer on Priority 1 and Priority 2 projects, with a range of actions to be completed by Q4 or early in the next financial year.

- 2.7. The Trust's performance on FOI and SAR was probed; plans were in place to build resilience in the Freedom of Information Team and improve the service. Uptake on cybersecurity training was acknowledged to be below target, but analysis of breaches had demonstrated that training was not the chief factor.

Other

- 2.8. A Deep Dive on one of the patient safety indicators (falls, ulcers, or infection) would be arranged to provide further detail on the processes underlying the indicators.

Divisional Performance Reviews and Corporate Performance Reviews

- 2.9. The Committee noted both sets of Reviews, which provided cross-cutting assurance to the Committee on areas of interdependence, challenge, and identified gaps. The monitoring of identified risks was clarified.

Financial Governance Review

- 2.10. The Committee reviewed the quarterly report of the Review. Building on the changes to the Investment Committee report to the Board, members continued to focus on those areas of the Review's action plan which would deliver a shared understanding of productivity and the Trust's cost base.

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- 2.11. Following an update by the Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Finance Officer, the Committee agreed that the Board could receive a verbal update at its January meeting, as the issues would be absorbed into the Board's regular reporting.

Deep Dives

- 2.12. It was agreed to develop a programme of deep dives for the 2022/23 financial year. This will include a session on a patient safety indicator.

Other Regular Reporting

- 2.13. The Committee received its regular update reports on infection prevention and control matters, SIRIs and Never Events, the Clinical Governance Committee report and the Board Assurance Framework and Corporate Risk Register Review of Risks.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. The Trust Board is asked to **note** the Integrated Assurance Committee's report to the Board from its meeting held on 8 December 2021.