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Compliance with the CQC's Fundamental Standards of Quality and Safety: Compliance Action Update

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Purpose of the paper	This paper has been written to provide an update to the Board of Directors in relation to the Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's (The Trust) response to the compliance actions required by the CQC following their unannounced and well led inspections		
Key control	This paper is a key control for the Trust's strategic objectives to provide outstanding care for patients and to be in the top 20% of NHS employers		
Action required	To note		
Previously discussed at/informed by			
Previously approved at:	Committee/Group	Date	
	Quality Committee	28/11/2018	

Key Options, Issues and Risks

The CQC published the report relating to its inspection of services at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on 15th June 2018. The CQC identified a number of compliance actions that the Trust was required to take, and required the submission of an action plan. This action plan was provided to the Trust's Board of Directors at its July meeting and subsequently provided to the CQC on the 12th July. Progress with the action plan was reported to the September Board of Director's meeting and the Quality Committee in November 2018. In addition to the compliance actions identified in the CQC report, there were a number of 'should do' actions identified. These are being managed within the Clinical Divisions.

In October 2018 a programme of 'mock inspections' was implemented across all core services provided by the Trust. These inspections were designed to begin testing the assurance relating to the effectiveness of the Trust's response to the compliance actions, the 'should do' actions and general compliance with the fundamental standards of quality and safety. The identification and management of required improvements to the way the Trust delivers or manages care is being supported by a Mobilisation Group, chaired by the Chief Executive, and attended by Executive Directors.

Analysis

The CQC compliance action plan has now been implemented across the Trust. The compliance actions identified in the inspection report were core service specific, but a decision was made by the Executive Management Team Operational Meeting to implement the related objectives across the Trust. There are two actions where additional information has been requested to support the analysis of their effectiveness (these are still described as open as their completion date was only scheduled for 31st December 2018). The mock inspections undertaken during Quarter 3 2017/18 provided a significant amount of assurance relating to the effectiveness of the Trust's response to the compliance actions and should do actions identified by the CQC. The Trust has now undertaken a review of all compliance, should and could do actions, the results of which will be used by the mobilisation group to drive improvements.

Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the continued assurance in relation to the effectiveness of the Trust's response to the compliance actions identified in the report of the CQC inspections undertaken during Q1 2017/18.

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Risk assessment						
Strategic Objective	Appetite (G)					
	Avoid	Minimal	Cautious	Open	Seek	Mature
To provide outstanding care for patients			g			
To deliver our financial plan and key performance targets			g			
To be in the top 20% of NHS employers			g			
To be a continually learning organisation				g		
To collaborate effectively with local and regional partners					g	
The level of risk against each objective should be indicated. Where more than one option is available the level of risk of each option against each element should be indicated by numbering each option and showing numbers in the boxes.	Low		Moderate	High	Significant	
	Risk (*)					
Explanation of variance from Board of Directors Agreed General risk appetite (G)	This paper provides positive assurance that the Trust is addressing the compliance actions identified by the CQC in a timely way. The risk posed in relation to the relevant strategic objectives has been assessed in this context					

Risk Implications (see section 4 for details)	Yes	No
Corporate Risk register and/or Board Assurance Framework Amendments	▪	
Quality implications	▪	
Resource implications		▪
Legal/regulatory implications	▪	
Diversity and Inclusion implications		▪

Regulation, Legislation and Compliance relevance
NHS Improvement: Risk assessment framework, quality governance framework, code of governance , annual reporting manual
Care Quality Commission Domain: <i>Safe, caring, effective, responsive, well led</i>
Care Quality Commission Fundamental Standard: All
Other (please state):

Relevance to other Board of Director's Committee:					
Workforce	Quality	Finance & Performance	Partnerships	Major Projects	Other (please state)
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1 PURPOSE/ AIM

This paper has been written to provide an update to the Board of Directors in relation to the Trust's response to the compliance actions required by the CQC following their unannounced and well led inspections

2 BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) monitor, inspect and regulate services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety and then publish what they find, including performance ratings to help people choose care. The CQC sets out what good and outstanding care looks like and they make sure services meet fundamental standards below which care must never fall. The CQC have a wide set of powers that allow them to protect the public and hold registered providers and managers to account. The CQC have an enforcement policy that:

- Protects people who use regulated services from harm and the risk of harm, and to ensure they receive health and social care services of an appropriate standard.
- Hold registered providers and managers to account for failures in how the service is provided.

In January 2018 the CQC undertook an unannounced inspection of the following core services: maternity, urgent and emergency care, medicine and care of older people and surgery. This unannounced inspection was followed by an announced well led inspection in February 2018. The CQC published the report relating to its inspection of services at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on 15th June 2018. The CQC identified a number of compliance actions that the Trust was required to take, and required the submission of an action plan. This action plan was provided to the Board of Directors at its July meeting and subsequently provided to the CQC on the 12th July.

3 PROPOSAL

The CQC compliance action plan has been implemented across the Trust. The compliance actions identified in the inspection report were core service specific, but a decision was made by the Executive Management Team Operational Meeting to implement the related objectives across the Trust. There are two actions where additional information has been requested to support the analysis of their effectiveness (these are still described as open as their completion date was only scheduled for 31st December 2018). The action plan, together with a progress up date is attached as Appendix 1 to this paper.

In addition to the compliance actions described in the CQC report, there were a number of 'should do' actions identified. These are being managed within the Clinical Care Groups.

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The mock inspections undertaken throughout Quarter 3 2017/18 provided a significant amount of assurance relating to the effectiveness of the Trust's response to the compliance actions and should do actions identified by the CQC. The Trust has now undertaken a review of all compliance, should and could do actions, the results of which will be used by the mobilisation group to drive improvements.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

There are currently no risks identified with the conduct, effectiveness or outcome of the implementation of the action plan. Delivery of this action plan is key to the mitigation of a number of risks on the Trust's risk register.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Directors is asked to note the proposed approach to assuring the effectiveness of the Trust's response to the compliance actions identified in the report of the CQC inspections undertaken during Q1 2017/18.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1: CQC Compliance action plan update August 2019