

**Report from Quality Assurance Committee
Meetings held on 30 July and 27 August 2020**

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Governing Body meeting

5 November 2020

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Purpose of Paper	
The paper summarises the key points arising from the CCG's Quality Assurance Committee meetings held on 30 July and 28 August 2020.	
Key Issues	
Key issues are as set out in the paper.	
Is your report for Approval/Consideration/Noting	
Noting	
Recommendations/Action Required by Governing Body	
The Governing Body is asked to note the key messages in the attached summary report.	
Governing Body Assurance Framework	
<p>Assurance Framework Number: The report links to all risks identified on the GBAF and also supports the good governance arrangements in place which are integral to each of the CCG's objectives contributing to a sound system of internal control.</p> <p>How does this paper provide assurance that the risk is being addressed? The Audit and Integrated Governance Committee is a Committee of the Governing Body and is integral to the good governance arrangements set out within the CCG's Constitution</p> <p>Is this an existing or additional control: Existing control</p>	
Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
None	

Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?

Please attach if completed. Please explain if not, why not:
Not applicable

Have you involved patients, carers and the public in the preparation of the report?

Not applicable

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1. Introduction

During the Covid-19 response period, the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has met monthly rather than quarterly to ensure our legal responsibilities for ensuring our commissioned and directly provided services are of a high quality. Thanks are given to all those who have contributed to the work of QAC including Governing Body GPs who aren't designated members of QAC but who have attended and contributed in this period. Healthwatch Sheffield has provided a monthly Insight report which has been valued and appreciated.

The Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) met on 30 July and 28 August 2020.

2. Key Messages

30 July 2020

- 2.1 QAC noted the ongoing relationship and new ways of working with Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust (SHSCFT) which not only ties with addressing responsibilities but also its role at place and system level alongside the increasing demand into mental health services and wider commissioning.
- 2.2 QAC wanted to assure Governing Body that they are discussing in depth Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's (STHFT) Never Events and action plan, which has gone through STHFT's governance process.
- 2.3 QAC discussed issues relating to the Learning Disability learning from deaths review process and how to obtain that learning and tie it into annual health checks to inform how we can support people with learning disabilities.
- 2.4 QAC discussed Continuing Healthcare (CHC) reviews and communication with the families of patients about the implications of undertaking a review following the receipt of clear guidance. They noted there may be increased levels of complaints due to STHFT not providing patients and families with an advisory leaflet that outlined responsibilities for care costs. They noted that staff have all worked together during a very difficult situation but that the high level decision made with regard to the leaflet was no reflection on how well services worked together.

28 August 2020

- 2.5 QAC raised concerns about Continuing Healthcare and the late guidance we were getting that wasn't fully thought through, and the pressure this was putting the team under, and the expectations from health and social care and what this means for patients and clients.
- 2.6 QAC recognised the fantastic work that has been undertaken with the care homes, how it had been carried out well in advance of any central guidance, and how the team has raised the CCG's relationships with the homes.

3. Recommendation

The Governing Body is invited to receive and noted the report.

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On behalf of Ms Amanda Forrest, Quality Assurance Committee Chair

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