

HIGHLIGHTS OF INTEGRATED GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

11 February 2009

- 1 Briefings for Non-Executive Directors
Following discussions at recent IGP meetings, two briefings have been arranged for the Non-Executive Directors meeting on 18 February.
These are on PCT processes and systems for Serious Case Reviews (Safeguarding Children) and governance options for Provider services.
- 2 Corporate Risk Register
One new risk had been added to the Register since last month. This was about the process for reporting outcomes of Serious Untoward Incidents (SUIs), which was to be strengthened.
- 3 Commissioning Finance Report
The report showed little change from last month with a general picture of overperformance in the acute sector, especially at HEFT, where the position had worsened slightly during December, due to emergency pressures and the need to meet the 18 week target. The greatest risk for the new financial year would be the delivery of the PCT strategy with the implications for disinvestment.
- 4 Performance Report
The problem performance areas were similar to last month with the emphasis on the consequences of emergency pressures. The PCT was unlikely to achieve the 4 hour performance target for A&E, but most PCTs throughout the country will miss this target.
The emergency pressures were affecting Good Hope Hospital most severely and lots of work was taking place to create alternatives to A&E attendance and divert patients. The Non-Executive Directors expressed their support to the managers who were making huge efforts to cope with and improve the situation.
- 5 Core Standards Assurance Quarter 3
In quarter 3 the PCT was able to declare compliance against all the Standards for Better Health, including those on emergency planning and safety and privacy of environments. The assurance of compliance in these areas for independent contractors was increasing and was also helped by a slight change in definition of the requirements for compliance by the Healthcare Commission.
- 6 Tendering Outcome for Clinical and Pharmaceutical Waste Contract
The recommendations were approved, subject to clarity on the contract term. This also requires full Board approval.
- 7 Business Case for a LIFT Primary Care Centre for Saltley
The business case will require full Board approval.
The IGP agreed to recommend approval and delegation of the project, subject to the tolerance level on cost changes. They also asked that points made on car parking, access and diagnostic facilities should be raised with the full Board.

- 8 BEN PCT Nursing Homes Review Group
The Terms of Reference of the Nursing Homes Review Group and the draft work plan for 2008 – 10 were presented for information.

- 9 The Committee also noted for information:

Gateway 2 Review of the Community Stroke service
Quarterly report of the PPI Committee

Next meeting
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