

Healthier Communities, Outstanding Care

Board of Directors Meeting in Public

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| Subject: | EPRR Core Standards Self-Assessment 2021 | | Date: 7 th October 2021 | |
| Prepared By: | Mark Stone, Emergency Planning Officer | | | |
| Approved By: | Simon Barton, Chief Operating Officer | | | |
| Presented By: | Mark Stone, Emergency Planning Officer | | | |
| Purpose | | | | |
| To ASSURE the Board of Directors that the Trust is compliant with the NHS England Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness | | | Approval | |
| | | | Assurance | |
| | | | Update | x |
| | | | Consider | |
| Strategic Objectives | | | | |
| To provide outstanding care | To promote and support health and wellbeing | To maximise the potential of our workforce | To continuously learn and improve | To achieve better value |
| | | | x | |
| Overall Level of Assurance | | | | |
| | Significant | Sufficient | Limited | None |
| | | x | | |
| Risks/Issues | | | | |
| Financial | The Trust has legal obligations to be prepared and may face financial penalties if it is not | | | |
| Patient Impact | Patient services must be continued in any major incident | | | |
| Staff Impact | Trust staff need to know that we have planned for major incidents | | | |
| Services | Key services need to be able to continue in the event of a major incident | | | |
| Reputational | Emergency Preparedness is essential for the reputation of the Trust | | | |
| Committees/groups where this item has been presented before | | | | |
| Resilience Assurance Committee 16 th August 2021 | | | | |
| Executive Summary | | | | |
| <p>Annually the Trust must submit to NHS England a self-assessment of its Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) arrangements by rating itself against the Core Standards, which are designed around the six legal obligations the Trust must comply with under the Civil Contingencies Act (2004).</p> <p>The submission will create one of four possible compliance ratings;</p> <p><i>Full Compliance</i></p> <p><i>Substantial Compliance*</i></p> <p><i>Partial Compliance</i></p> <p><i>Not Compliant</i></p> <p>*= the Trusts previous rating</p> <p>The process is led by the Trust's Emergency Planning Officer with oversight by the Resilience Assurance Committee.</p> | | | | |

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This year there are 49 sub-sections to the Core Standards split between ten main headings:

| Core Standards | Total standards applicable | Fully compliant | Partially compliant | Non-compliant |
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| Governance | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Duty to risk assess | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Duty to maintain plans | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Command and control | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Training and exercising | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Response | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Warning and informing | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Cooperation | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Continuity | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| CBRN | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 49 | 47 | 1 | 1 |

The self-assessment is then subject to a “confirm and challenge” by senior NHSE/I and CCG EPRR staff who issue a formal letter confirming our level of compliance.

There are just two areas within the CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear) section in which it was felt that the Trust was unable to match our compliance with the assessment criteria, which are described below:

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| 67 | CBRN | HAZMAT / CBRN trained trainers | The organisation has a sufficient number of trained decontamination trainers to fully support its staff HAZMAT/ CBRN training programme. |
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| 58 | CBRN | HAZMAT / CBRN risk assessments | <p>HAZMAT/ CBRN decontamination risk assessments are in place appropriate to the organisation.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented systems of work • List of required competencies • Arrangements for the management of hazardous waste. |
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The Trusts Emergency Planning Officer will work with EMAS to train a new team of trainers within Emergency Care, which should be completed by the end of October this year.

The EPO will also upgrade the current CBRN risk assessment to make it compliant. This should be complete by the time of the confirm and challenge session.

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The submission should ensure that the Trust retains its “**Substantial**” compliance rating from 2019 (the process was suspended in 2020 due to Covid).

A key Governance requirement is that the Trust’s annual compliance rating is submitted to the Board of Directors for assurance.

The complete Core Standards submission is available on request from the Emergency Planning Officer.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to be UPDATED by this assessment.