Board Assurance Framework to support delivery of Strategic Priorities

The Board has overall responsibility for ensuring systems and controls are in place, sufficient to mitigate any significant risks which may threaten the achievement of the strategic priorities/objectives. Assurance may be gained from a wide range of sources, but where possible should be systematic, supported by evidence, independently verified and incorporated within a robust governance process. The Board achieves this primarily through the work of its Assurance committees, through use of Internal Audit and other independent inspection and by systematic collection and scrutiny of performance data to evidence the achievement of the objectives.

Safe, personalised and Our **vision** is to deliver.... efficient care Ensure the highest standards of safe care are consistently delivered by, and for, SP1 So we **prioritise**.... individuals, teams and departments Ensure that patients experience the very best care by listening to patients and their relatives, and by learning from complaints, errors and feedback Provide timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care when people need it SP3 and safely reduce the time patients spend in hospital Raise the level of staff engagement through strong leadership, communication, feedback and recognition Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by minimising reliance on expensive agency staff, improving the utilisation and productivity of our resources, and achieving best value for money for every pound spent Work in partnership to keep people well in the community, and enable them to return as soon as they are ready to leave hospital

Working to the Quality for All **values**....

		Share information openly and honestly and keep people informed		
C	Communicating and working together	Listen and involve people as partners and equals		
	and working together	Work as one team inside our organisation and with other organisations		
		Set high standards for ourselves and each other		
A	Aspiring and improving	Give and receive feedback so everyone can be at their best		
		Keep improving and aspiring for excellence		
		Treat everyone with courtesy and respect, help people to feel welcome in our organisation		
R	Respectful and caring	Show care and compassion and take time to help		
		Support and value each other and help people to reach their potential		
		Competent and reassuringly professional so we are always safe		
E	Efficient and safe	Reliable and consistent so we are always confident		
		Efficient and timely and respectful of others' time		

Ref	Lead Director/ Lead Committee	Principal risks	Inherent risk rating	Primary controls	Weaknesses in controls	Residual risk rating	Planned actions	Sources of assurance	Target risk
AF1.0	Medical	Safe patient care	Inherent	Quality governance arrangements: Quality	Most recent CQC assessment (2015) rated	Residual	Establish divisional governance development	CQC assessment report	rating Target
	Director/Chief Nurse	High levels of avoidable patient harm. Caused by inconsistent delivery of safe	likelihood: 5 (Very likely)	Committee; Patient Safety & Quality Board Governance policies, systems & processes	the Trust as 'Inadequate' Governance structures re-shaped but not	likelihood: 3 (Possible)	plans that prioritise action to address recurrent learning themes from incident investigations	External assurance visits from CCG and NHS England	likelihood: 1 (Very
	Quality Committee	patient care.	Inherent	(Risk Management; Incident Reporting & SI Framework; Duty of Candour; Datix)	yet fully embedded / strengthening of performance management of divisions	Residual	Mortality Surveillance Group establishment	Reports to Board: Quality and Safety;	unlikely)
		Resulting in a widespread reduction in public, commissioner and regulator confidence, with potential for	consequence: 4 (High)	Clinical policies, guidelines & pathways	Further development of strong clinical leadership	consequence: 4 (High)	of monthly review of mortality data and identification of learning opportunities.	Patient Experience; Integrated Performance Senior leadership walk round programme	Target consequence
		enforcement action and financial penalties.	Inherent risk	Patient safety programme	Developing culture of ownership of safety	Residual risk	Implementation of Nervecentre patient monitoring software to replace VitalPAC &	Patient feedback via complaints, claims,	(High)
			rating: 20 (Significant)	Specific groups focused on key risk areas (Medicines safety; Deteriorating patient; Infection prevention; Falls; Sepsis)	at clinical ward level Lack of systematised shared learning	rating: 12 (High)	further development of escalation processes with NUH.	NHS Choice Comments and Family and Friend responses	Target risk rating:
			(Significant)	Accountability framework with clear role	Recruitment & retention issues resulting in	(півіі)	Review audit evidence of operational application of screening policy for patients	Inpatient, Maternity and staff surveys	(Low)
				descriptions for Clinical Directors, Divisional Matrons, Head of Service/Service Directors and Divisional Governance Leads	vacancy gaps – Nursing and Medical		from areas with high risk of transmitting infection.	KPI monitoring: Safety Thermometer Data; PROM's Data; Weekly sepsis report	
				Clinical governance arrangements in Divisions and Service Lines			Development & implementation of Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedure (LocSSIPs) aligned to the National Safety	Audit results: National Clinical Audits; local compliance audits	
				Monthly divisional and executive			Standards (NatSSIPs).	Reviews and sharing of learning from serious incidents and near misses	
				performance management meetings Monthly meeting chaired by Chief Nurse -			Roll-out of annual ward accreditation following pilot.	Dr Foster monthly reports	
				review of quality metrics in Ward Assurance			Professional development work to improve quality of handover within Emergency	HED reports through Divisions	
							Department.	Progress report against relevant sections of the QIP	
							Strengthening of safeguarding audit processes & training.		
							Complete installation of anti-ligature fixtures and window restrictors in priority areas.		

Strategic Priority: SP1 Ensure the highest standards of safe care are consistently delivered by and for individuals, teams and departments SP3 Provide timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care when people need it and safely reduce the time patients spend in hospital SP5 Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by minimising reliance on expensive agency staff, improving the utilisation and productivity of our resources and achieving best value for money for every pound spent SP6 Work in partnership to keep people well in the community and enable them to return as soon as they are ready to leave hospital Lead Director/ Principal risk Inherent risk Primary controls Weaknesses in controls Residual risk Planned actions Sources of assurance Target risk **Lead Committee** rating rating rating AF2.0 Chief Operating Managing emergency demand 4 times a day Flow meetings chaired by Job planning for consultant board rounds Weekly meeting to be set up by DCOO to Daily information on greater compliance Daily emergency demand that exceeds Officer Divisional General Manager and daily ward rounds ensure agreed improvement actions are with 4 hour standard. likelihood bed capacity. (Unlikely) Daily Board rounds Weekend discharge team not yet Monthly information on reduction in Quality Somewhat Caused by having more than 40 patients embedded kely) Daily review of DTOCs & process for length of stay and bed occupancy Weekly Breach meetings experiencing delayed transfer of care, or nherent medically optimised patients to be Target discharge when they are medically Ability to respond to 11% year on year rise esidual established Weekly information on reduced reconsequence: optimised to leave hospital, due to the Monthly performance management in demand admissions lack of adequate and available social care High) meetings between Divisions and Service Support to be provided from NUH in (High) provision or limited availability of Lines, and between Divisions and Executive Primary care at the single front door not Medicine and ED - action underway Monthly information on cancellations of necessary staff to make discharge nherent risk functioning as required – staffing and elective activity Target risk decisions. process issues having a knock-on effect on Support for NEMS plan to address rating: Residual risk rating: Quarterly information on improved levels Bi-weekly System Resilience Group meeting deficiencies in primary care since taking over demand in ED ating: Resulting in significantly reduced patient (Significant) (multi-agency membership) of patient satisfaction and fewer (Medium) flow throughout the hospital; disruption Increase in delayed transfer of care / (Significant) complaints. Addition additional resource in operations to multiple services across divisions; reduced social care funding CCGs plan to reduce attendances at ED. Job planning is concluding and includes reduced quality of care for large numbers of patients; potential failure to achieve Single assessment process not yet in place Speeding up of process for s2 / s5 increased DCC for patient flow Objectives set within staff job descriptions constitutional standards: unmanageable assessments to achieve improved response workload; and increased costs. from health & social care partners. ALOS in Medicine has reduced creating **Strategic Priority:** SP5 Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by minimising reliance on expensive agency staff, improving the utilisation and productivity of our resources and achieving best value for money for every pound spent Lead Director/ Principal risks Inherent risk **Key Controls** Weaknesses in controls Residual risk Sources of assurance Target risk **Lead Committee** rating rating rating AF3.0 Chief Operating Managing elective capacity Training programme for all staff who Evidence required that PTL management IMAS have reviewed processes and signed of IMAS support to PTL development and Officer Loss of control over the management of contribute to tracking patient pathways via processes are robust ikelihood: the Trust following a report. Actions in the validation processes - signed off likelihood: PAS and other ICT systems to ensure report to be implemented. elective capacity. Quality Very likely) accurate recording New PTL must show performance levels at Possible) Model of new PTL shows good level of (Unlikely) Committee Caused by issues with maintaining an similar level of accuracy and delivery to New PTL has been used in shadow form and compliance Weekly PTL meetings with staff to ensure accurate Patient Tracking List (PTL) and current PTL Residual shows similar levels of accuracy and delivery routine validation of the data on that list. booking of patients takes place appropriately - full roll-out to be completed. Reduced reportable breaches of key consequence: onsequence consequence access standards Resulting in widespread disruption to High) Validation team in place (High) (High) clinical services: substantial delays to the Monthly performance management assessment and treatment of multiple nherent risk Residual risk Target risk natients: notential failure to achieve rating: meetings with staff rating: rating: constitutional standards; financial 12 (High) (Medium) penalties; unmanageable workload and (Significant) Bi-weekly system resilience group meeting potential breach of license. (cross organisational membership) Weekly meeting with CCG to provide assurance

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AF4.0	Chief Financial	Financial sustainability	Inherent	Standing Financial Instructions and Scheme	Long term support for excess cost of PFI	Residual	Continue to work in partnership with	PRM letter from Monitor	Target
	Officer	Failure to achieve and maintain financial	likelihood:	of Delegation	required	likelihood:	Monitor Distressed Finance Team to submit		likelihood:
		sustainability.	5	-		2	in year applications for cash support – on-	PWC review of underlying causes of the	2
	Finance		(Very likely)	Annual financial planning process & control	No long term commitment received for	(Unlikely)	going, submissions as required and advised	deficit	(Unlikely)
	Committee	Caused by the scale of the current deficit		total	liquidity/cash support		by Monitor		
		and the effectiveness of plans reduce it.	Inherent			Residual		Monthly reporting to Finance and	Target
			consequence:	CIP Board and CIP planning delivery PMO	Identification of future CIPs – increase in	consequence:	Utilise outputs of PWC benchmarking and	Performance Committee	consequence:
		Resulting in widespread loss of public and	5	Process	savings requirement year on year	5	Carter review to indicate future productivity		5
		stakeholder confidence and potential for	(Very high)			(Very high)	and efficiency opportunities	Monthly reporting to Board of Directors	(Very high)
		regulatory action such as parliamentary		LTP financial strategy & LTFM					_
		intervention, special administration or	Inherent risk	5 -		Residual risk	Forecast at end of Quarter 1	Monthly Divisional reporting	Target risk
		suspension of CQC registration.	rating:	Better Together programme engagement		rating:		Maratha CID asserting to CID December	rating:
			(Ciamificant)	Relationship with Monitor – shared		10 (High)		Monthly CIP reporting to CIP Board	10 (High)
			(Significant)	understanding of issues		(mign)		Monthly CIP reporting to Finance and	(High)
				understanding or issues				Performance Committee	
				Monitor's monthly Performance Review				renormance committee	
				Meeting (PRM)					
				Weeting (Film)					
				Monitoring via Board of Directors and					
				Executive Team					
				Monthly Finance and Performance					
				Committee meetings					
				Monthly Divisional Performance Delivery					
				meetings / budgetary control					

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	Lead Committee		rating			rating			rating
AF5.0	Managing	Organisational sustainability	Inherent	Trust Strategic vision	Current lack of clarity amongst staff of the	Residual	Establishment of LTP model	Staff feedback regarding clarity of their	Target
	Director	Failure to safeguard the future provision	likelihood:		outcome and direction of the LTP	likelihood:		role and that of their clinical service and	likelihood:
		of local services for the Trust and its	5	Progression of LTP & description of future		2	On-going deployment of LTP Communication	the direction for the Trust in the future.	1
	Executive Team	hospitals.	(Very likely)	strategy		(Unlikely)	Strategy		(Very
								CQC view of LTP is positive	unlikely)
		Caused difficulties in establishing a	Inherent	LTP governance structure established –		Residual	Greater overall engagement in Better		
		sustainable organisational model.	consequence:	Steering Group & Working Group		consequence:	Together	Better Together Alliance updates	Target
			5			5		reported to Board monthly	consequence:
		Resulting in widespread loss of public and	(Very high)	Better Together Alliance with involvement of		(Very high)	Leadership programme		5
		stakeholder confidence and potential for		key Trust personnel				Service Line plans that align to the Better	(Very high)
		regulatory action such as parliamentary	Inherent risk			Residual risk		Together programme and the LTP	
		intervention, special administration or	rating:			rating:			Target risk
		suspension of CQC registration.	25			10			rating:
			(Significant)			(High)			5
									(Low)

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AF6.0	HR Director	Workforce culture	Inherent	Staff Engagement Programme	Lack of evidence that Quality for All has	Residual	Staff engagement programme (QIP work-	National NHS Staff Survey results – cross	Target
		Widespread prevalence of a negative	likelihood:		been embedded across the Trust	likelihood:	stream actions)	referenced with QIP action plans	likelihood:
	OD & Workforce	workforce culture.	4	Occupational health services		3			2
	Committee		(Somewhat		Absence s related to stress remains high	(Possible)	Leadership programme	Outputs of quarterly staff survey and staff	(Unlikely)
		Caused by a lack of staff engagement with	likely)	Enhanced support mechanism for staff who				FFT results	
		leaders, uncertainty over the future, and		are absent with stress related illness	Appraisal rates remain below the 98%	Residual	Develop effective communication and	Benchmark data assessed for Annual NHS	Target
		low morale.	Inherent		target but are 90% across the Trust with	consequence:	engagement skills in leadership team	Staff Survey and Staff FFT	consequence:
			consequence:	Appraisal Policy and Procedure	some areas on 100%	3			3
		Resulting in poor outcomes & experience	3			(Moderate)	LTP / merger communication and	Annual Occupational Health Report –	(Moderate)
		for patients, less effective teamwork,	(Moderate)	TED Strategy	Temporary status of many in leadership		engagement programme / OD work	identifying attendances and Trends	
		reduced compliance with policies and			roles affects staff engagement	Residual risk			Target risk
		standards, high levels of staff absence and	Inherent risk	Annual completion of Training Needs		rating:		Analysis of sickness absence data and	rating:
		high staff turnover.	rating:	Analysis and review of training programmes		9		reasons for absence, analysis of OH	6
			12			(Medium)		referrals and trends reported to Board of	(Low)
			(High)	Sickness Absence policy and procedure				Directors	
				Manager engagement toolkit and training				Monthly and quarterly workforce reports	
								which contain data on appraisal and	
				Health and Well-being group				mandatory training completion rates	
								Divisional monthly performance reports	
								and escalations	
								TED Annual report	
								Evidence of assessment of training	
								offering, mandatory training numbers and	
								effectiveness of TED Strategy considered	
								at TED Committee	
								Fuit later in data	
								Exit Interview data	

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F7.0	HR Director	Staffing levels	Inherent	Defined safe medical and nurse staffing	Compliance with the temporary staffing	Residual	Detailed modelling of medical staff in post v	Integrated performance report	Target
		Insufficient staffing levels.	likelihood:	levels for all wards and departments, with 6	approval process for agency use	likelihood:	establishment, attrition rates and		likelihood:
	OD & Workforce		5	monthly acuity and dependency assessments		4	recruitment plans to predict future supply	Workforce quarterly reports to OD &	2
	Committee	Caused by difficulties retaining and where	(Very likely)	to ensure staffing targeted to demand	e-rostering not optimally used for sourcing	(Somewhat		workforce committee	(Unlikely)
		necessary recruiting sufficient numbers of			agency nurses	likely)	Nursing taskforce; Medical workforce and		
		qualified staff, due to national shortages	Inherent	Comprehensive consultant job planning			Recruitment and Retention work-streams all	Monthly staff in post data and monthly	Target
		of some specialists or local employment	consequence:	matching capacity to demand	Robustness of the system for talent	Residual	include plans/ initiatives to address the risk	pay expenditure by staff group	consequence
		market factors.	4		management and succession planning	consequence:	and monitor impact such as alternative		4
			(High)	Winter capacity plans		4	solutions for 'Hard to Fill' medical posts	Bank Locum and agency spend	(High)
		Resulting in significant disruption to			Understanding of nursing and medical	(High)			
		clinical services across divisions and	Inherent risk	Use of e-rostering	staffing models to enable planning for		International recruitment of Registered	Nurse staffing establishment review – 6	Target risk
		potentially to extended unplanned closure	rating:		future supply to meet demand	Residual risk	Nurses and recruitment of newly qualified	monthly	rating:
		of some services.	(6) - (6) - (4)	Temporary staff approval processes		rating:	nurses	Non-in-Claffina Danash and HNUFV and an	8 (2.4 - 11 - 11)
			(Significant)	Manager and an arrange		16	Davieur ef a ventovina avenue fautova avenue.	Nursing Staffing Report and UNIFY return	(Medium)
				Vacancy approval process		(Significant)	Review of e-rostering process for temporary staffing	TED Annual Papart	
				Annual workforce plan produced			Stannig	TED Annual Report	
				Annual workforce plan produced			Plans in place to reduce LoS >14 days to	Quality and staffing metrics in monthly	
				Weekly temporary staffing report to Monitor			reduce demands on beds and thereby for	divisional reports	
				weekly temporary starring report to Monitor			staff	alvisional reports	
				Detailed modelling of qualified nurse staff			Stair	Staff Survey Report	
				and HCSW's in post v establishment,				Stan Sarvey Report	
				attrition rates and recruitment plans to				Appraisal and MAST rates	
				predict future vacancy trajectory				rippraisar and mile rates	
				p				Quality Improvement Plans and	
								Monitoring via QIP Board	
								Annual Staff and quarterly Pulse Surveys –	
								associated action plans	
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								Ward Assurance Matrix to triangulate	
								quality and safety metrics	

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AF8.0	Managing	Senior leadership instability	Inherent	Definition of Board of Directors	Robust system for talent management and	Residual	Transition plan for leadership of LTP.	Board & Executive team monitoring	Target
	Director	Inconsistent leadership, shifting priorities	likelihood:	responsibilities	succession planning	likelihood:			likelihood:
		and communication of conflicting	5			3	Continued implementation of joint	Board Development action plan	2
	Executive Team	messages both internally and externally.	(Very likely)	Establishment of Executive team for	Development and implementation of	(Possible)	communication strategy for LTP to ensure		(Unlikely)
				transition to LTP	leaders to operate effectively in a service		consistent message delivery.	TED Annual Report	
		Caused by a failure to develop and	Inherent		line management model	Residual			Target
		maintain a stable senior leadership team.	consequence:	Workforce Strategy		consequence:		Leadership and management	consequence
			4		Gap analysis and development of 'middle	4		development programme, attendance	4
		Resulting in a widespread reduction in	(High)	TED Strategy	tier' managers	(High)		and annual showcase of project	(High)
		patient, public, staff, commissioner and						achievements	
		regulator confidence in the Trust.	Inherent risk	Organisational Development Strategy		Residual risk			Target risk
			rating:	Ctaff and a second attacks and		rating:			rating:
			(Significant)	Staff engagement strategy		12 (High)			(Medium)
			(Significant)	Health Education England Quality Standard		(High)			(iviedium)
				OD and Workforce Committee scrutiny					
				OD and Workforce Committee Scrating					
				Training, Education and Development					
				Committee					
				Appraisal, revalidation and job planning for					
				senior medical workforce					

			Conseque	nce score & descriptor wit	h examples		
Ris	k type	Very low 1	Low Moderate 2 3		High 4	Very high 5	
a. or b. or c.	Patient harm Staff harm Public harm	Minimal physical or psychological harm, not requiring any clinical intervention. e.g.: Discomfort.	Minor, short term injury or illness, requiring non-urgent clinical intervention (e.g. extra observations, minor treatment or first aid). e.g.: Bruise, graze, small laceration, sprain. Grade 1 pressure ulcer. Temporary stress / anxiety. Intolerance to medication.	Significant but not permanent injury or illness, requiring urgent or on-going clinical intervention. e.g.: Substantial laceration / severe sprain / fracture / dislocation / concussion. Sustained stress / anxiety / depression / emotional exhaustion. Grade 2 or3 pressure ulcer. Healthcare associated infection (HCAI). Noticeable adverse reaction to medication. RIDDOR reportable incident.	Significant long-term or permanent harm, requiring urgent and on-going clinical intervention, or the death of an individual. e.g.: Loss of a limb Permanent disability. Severe, long-term mental illness. Grade 4 pressure ulcer. Long-term HCAI. Retained instruments after surgery. Severe allergic reaction to medication.	Multiple fatal injuries o terminal illnesses.	
d.	Services	Minimal disruption to peripheral aspects of service.	Noticeable disruption to essential aspects of service.	Temporary service closure or disruption across one or more divisions.	Extended service closure or prolonged disruption across a division.	Hospital or site closure.	
e.	Reputation	Minimal reduction in public, commissioner and regulator confidence. e.g.: Concerns expressed.	Minor, short term reduction in public, commissioner and regulator confidence. e.g.: Recommendations for improvement.	Significant, medium term reduction in public, commissioner and regulator confidence. e.g.: Improvement / warning notice. Independent review.	Widespread reduction in public, commissioner and regulator confidence. e.g.: Prohibition notice.	Widespread loss of public, commissioner and regulator confidence. e.g.: Special Administration. Suspension of CQC Registration. Parliamentary intervention.	
f.	Finances	Financial impact on achievement of annual control total of up to £50k	Financial impact on achievement of annual control total of between £50 - 100k	Financial impact on achievement of annual control total of between £100k - £1m	Financial impact on achievement of annual control total of between £1 -5m	Financial impact on achievement of annual control total of more than £5m	

	Likelihood score & descriptor with examples									
Very unlikely	Unlikely	Possible	Somewhat likely	Very likely						
1	2	3	4	5						
Less than 1 chance in 1,000	Between 1 chance in 1,000	Between 1 chance in 100 and 1	Between 1 chance in 10 and 1	Greater than 1 chance in 2						
Statistical probability below	and 1 in 100	in 10	in 2	Statistical probability above						
0.1%	Statistical probability between	Statistical probability between	Statistical probability between	50%						
Very good control	0.1% - 1%	1% and 10%	10% and 50%	Ineffective control						
	Good control	Limited effective control	Weak control							

			Risk scorin	ng matrix				
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ənbə	3	3			12			
Consequence	2	2	4	6	8	10		
J	1	1	2	3	4	5		
		1	2	3	4	5		
	Likelihood							
		Very low	Low	Medium	High	Significant		
Rating		(1-3)	(4-6)	(8-9)	(10-12)	(15-25)		
Oversight		Specialty / Service level Annual review		Division Quarterly review		Committee / Board Monthly review		
Reporting			None		Board Ris	sk Committee		