East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust

CHAIR'S KEY ISSUES

ISSUES FOR REFERRING / ESCALATING TO BOARD / COMMITTEE / TASK & FINISH GROUP

ORIGINATING BOARD / COMMITTEE / TASK & FINISH GROUP AND DATE:	Maternity and Neonatal Improvement Board – 20 March 2025
CHAIR:	Hussein Khatib, Non-Executive Director
LEAD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	Catherine Morgan, Chief Nurse

Agenda Item	Details of Issue	Approval Escalation Alert Assurance Information
Matters Arising	Mat Neo Improvement Board was quorate today and had representation from all staff groups.	Information
Assurance Report	The MSSP has moved to sustainability phase. There is still work outstanding and actions are being progressed with ambitions to exit the process by summer 2025.	Assurance
	MIS year 6 has been confirmed as being achieved. There is a potential impact for MIS year 7, due to EPIC implementation but work is planned in advance to mitigate any issues.	Information
	Additional resource is in place to enhance the Bereavement Team support provision and work across the two sites is progressing well. 7 day service is now in place.	Information
	The Governance Deep Dive and associated action plan, undertaken as part of MSSP, is progressing well, alongside the new governance structure in place.	Information
	Reports were taken from NNU, by way of an update and also from the Infant feeding team to update the group on plans to achieve BFI accreditation	Information

	New roles are in place to strengthen the Obstetrics Team and focus for the team is on postnatal care and culture within the team and work continues to develop cultural work and a leadership development programme, training and team building events are planned.	Assurance
	Recent Safety Surveillance reviews at Colchester and Ipswich highlighted the majority of issues relate to capacity and the SLT are looking at plans and options to address this.	Assurance
	The Ipswich Lifts procurement procedure is progressing and a programme of works is being agreed.	Assurance
	Red flag staffing report taken with no escalations required	Assurance
	The recent press coverage of the Lucy Letby case has been reviewed by the Board and clarity provided that controls are in place at ESNEFT that would identify these types of issues. DATIX data reviews and all deaths reviews would quickly identify any areas of concern. The ODN also review mortality data Medical Examiners review certificates.	Assurance
	Health inequalities and difficulties patients experience where English is not their first language was discussed and this is an area that the team needs to review.	Assurance
	Two corporate risks remain on the risk register – the LOCSIPP risk and the 2nd theatre risk. Three other risks relating to accommodation in the Ipswich area (GP surgeries), triage in Colchester and foetal medicine capacity are on the risk register. There are concerns with medical workforce and levels of registrars available and immediate actions have already been taken and there is Executive visibility on this matter.	Information

Escalation	Support/decision required by reporting committee to resolve an issue within its remit	**Alert**	Proactive notification of subject matter/risk that reporting committee is currently dealing with or mitigating which may require future action/decision
Assurance	Evidence or information to demonstrate that appropriate action is being taken within a reporting committee's remit	**Information**	No action required. Reporting to update on discussion within a reporting committee's remit