Agenda Item 18

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS
King's Lynn
NHS Trust

Monthly Risk Committee Report to Board
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1 SUMMARY OVERVIEW

1.1 There are presently **223** risks on the risk register, of these **5** sit at a score of 15 or above i.e. for corporate oversight.

2 KEY AREAS OF NOTE / ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

2.1

In the July meeting Risk Committee reviewed the following registers:

- Estates – Risk 2253 `Risk of loss of medical gases` is now mitigated and closed
- Facilities – Assurance of actions to mitigate risks and 2 risks soon to be closed off once actions in place (i.e. water leaks into EEG – new fridges purchased & ventilation system in the kitchen). Further consideration of risk relating to age of tugs and introduction of alternative i.e. hand held devices – not presently on register
- Human Resources – further consideration to be given to the risks relating to future EU staff recruitment and management of staff sickness
- Medicine / Emergency – register now under control and will be proactively managed going forward
- Corporate Nursing / Patient Experience – 2 risks closed (storage on wards & duplicate mental health risk)
- Trust wide risks scoring ≥ 15

Significant changes to the Corporate register of Trust wide high scoring risks:

There was significant discussion at Risk committee about Risk 2257 – the need for protected orthopaedic bed(s) for trauma cases (# NOF / spine). Initially scored as moderate x almost certain = 15 it was finally re-scored as moderate x likely = 12 but was acknowledged that this is a significant concern for the Trust for the following reasons:

- NCEPOD grade 5 incident where contributory factors included availability of appropriate bed
- Issue of patient safety and quality
- CQC MUST do

- Element of GIRFT
- Part of # NOF pathway
- Issues concerning mortality / morbidity
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Agreed action for Division to provide a summary report of concerns & options to address concerns to go to EDs

3 KEY AREAS OF NOTE:

3.1 It has been agreed that further consideration be given to whether there are any risks not yet articulated around Corporate management e.g. regulatory risks. Meeting to be held with key stakeholders outside the Risk committee and conclusions fed back

3.2 The Women & Children`s Risk Strategy was ratified subject to minor edits

3.3 Summary report and implementation plan concerning management of staff DBS monitoring to be sent to Workforce committee

3.4 An appointment has now been made to the post of Head of Risk & Governance subject to references and an interim identified to support the team in the next couple of months.