Agenda Item No. 9

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS
King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC)

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	REPORT FOR:		IMPACT ON BUSINESS:		
	Decision		High	Med	Low
Dr Tim Petterson Medical Director (interim)	Discussion	✓		✓	
	Information				
LEAD MANAGER:	**REPORT TYPE:**		**BAF REFERENCES & RAG:**		
	Strategic				
Trudy Taylor Nick Redwood	Operational	✓			
	Governance		**RELATED WORK: (PREVIOUS PAPERS TO COMMITTEE)**		
PEER ASSIST:	**PEER REVIEW:**				
CQC Domain: (safe, caring, effective, responsive, well-led)					

Meeting Date: **28 March 2017**

Report Title: **Dr Foster update / Enhanced Patient Death Review / Avoidable Patient Death Review**

PURPOSE:

To update the Board on Dr Foster, Enhanced Patient Death Review and Avoidable Patient Death Review.

SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EFFICIENCY SAVINGS / QUALITY IMPROVEMENT:

RISK ASSESSMENT (CROSS-REFERENCE WITH RISK REGISTER WHERE APPROPRIATE):

Strategic / External	Operational/ Organisational	Financial	Clinical	Legal/ Regulatory	Reputational / Patient Experience
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board are asked to note the presentation and discussion.

Mortality Review Process

The Trust is working with Dr Foster and NHSi to review the mortality review process within the organsiation.

The Trust has reorganised the Mortality Committee into the Mortality Surveillance Group (MSG) with refreshed Terms of Reference (to be presented to Quality Committee in April).

The MSG fits within the Quality framework of the organisation (see structure below).

The MSG will continue to work with Dr Foster to review mortality data and deviations from expected performance.

Questions outstanding are as follows:

1. Defining avoidable death (see model)
2. Data collection – methodology/sampling or universal review
3. Dissemination of lessons learned ('board to ward')
4. Coding issues (palliative care/UTI/COPD/pneumonia)

Dr Manoj Thomas (Consultant Acute Medicine) is clinical lead for mortality and is performing a deep dive of the conditions outlined in point 4 above to assess quality of coding.

Mr Nick Redwood (Consultant Surgeon) continues to chair the Mortality Surveillance Group and will work with NHSi and Dr Foster according to redefined terms of reference.

The MSG hopes to change its relationship with Dr Foster to a more substantive advisory role in order to help the Trust manage mortality issues in real time and gain a deeper understanding of potential problem areas within the organisation.

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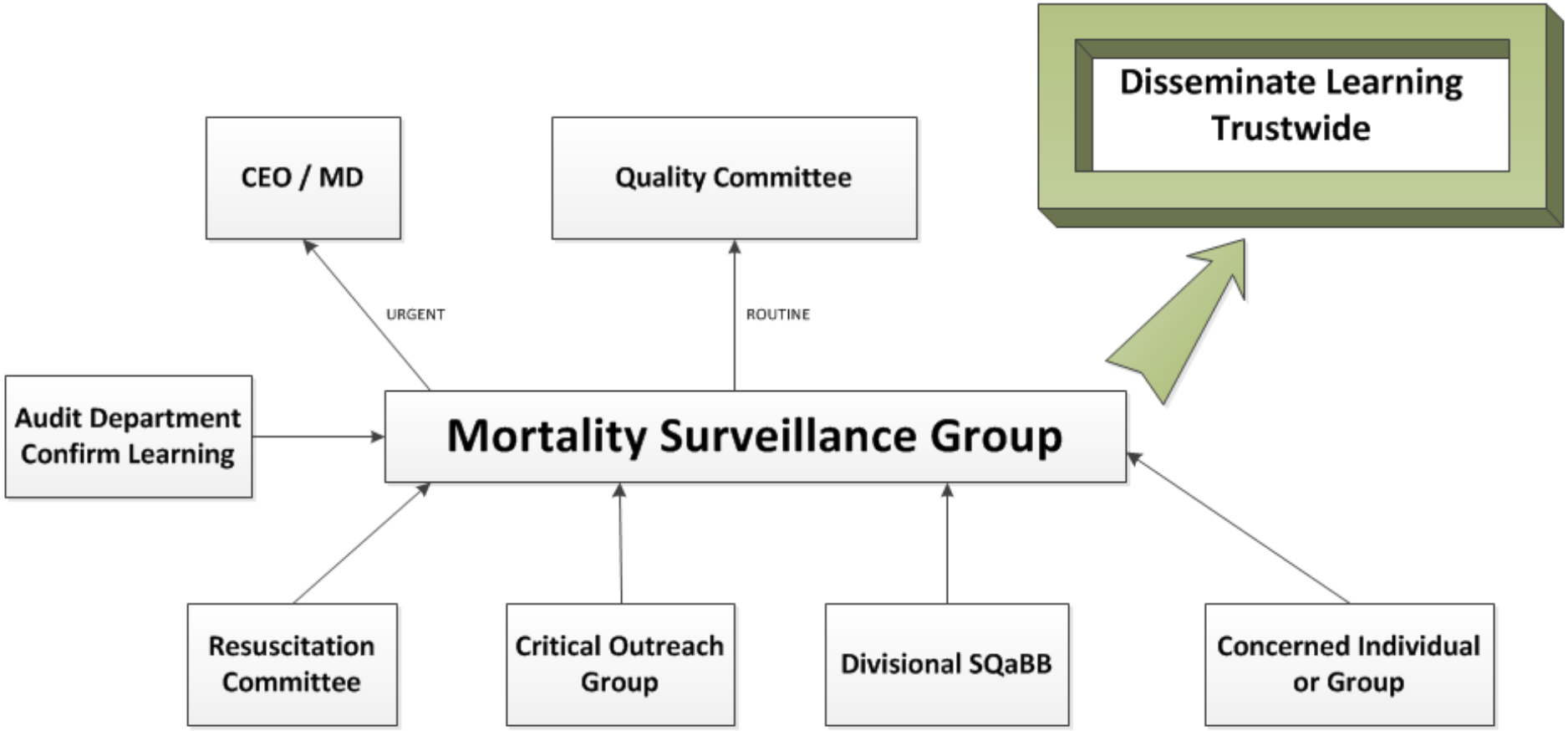
Mortality Surveillance Group
Position in Trust