

TRUST BOARD – May 2024 – Integrated Governance Report

Title:	KEY MATTERS & ESCALATIONS REPORT
Name of Committee:	Children & Young People’s Clinical Operational Board (COB)
Committee Chair:	ANNA GILL
Meeting Date:	7th May 2024

Summary of key messages and assurance:

The COB received the following:

- **Integrated Governance Report** – the COB received a detailed Integrated Governance Report confirming **substantial** assurance and updating on the following:
 - Across all geographies, there continue to be system pressures which impact our ability to meet key performance indicators. This is most notable with the high volume of referrals received for Neurodevelopmental Assessment, Speech and Language Therapy services (Bedfordshire, Luton and Norfolk) and safeguarding concerns, especially around the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub).
 - Recruitment challenges, particularly with the following registered groups and geographies:
 - Health Visitors and School Nurses in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk
 - Speech and Language Therapists in Bedfordshire and Luton
 - Involvement with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) continues to impact on wider service capacity. The Trust now has an agreed position and plans are in place to implement across geographies.
 - A national review of Paediatric Audiology is underway by NHS England. Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Luton services have completed a national return and are waiting for feedback from the national team.

Escalation Points:

Matters for escalation and outcome required:

- Following the request from the Care Quality Commission, the CYP COB reviewed a paper describing the work to review the safety, quality and accessibility of the Trust’s children’s hearing services. The paper, as part of the Integrated Governance Report, provided substantial assurance that the Trust is taking the recommended actions for reviewing the accreditation of its services and using the national standards to assess any risks to quality. The Board is asked to note the assurance of the COB. A further update will be brought back to the next Board.
- The budget for the Peterborough dietetics services continues to overspend due to the rise in demand for the enteral feeding pathway. Discussions are ongoing with NWAFT (North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust) colleagues to reach a sustainable solution.

Risks of 15 or above and emerging risks:

- None during this reporting period.

Outstanding practice and innovation for the Board to note:

- The Healthy Child Programme collaborative 2.5-year universal development assessment is now in place across Peterborough, Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, with plans to extend to East Cambridgeshire and Fenland.
- Family Hubs investment is supporting the newly established Parent Infant Relationship Team in Peterborough and expansion of the Baby Friendly team across Bedfordshire and Luton.
- Norfolk services received the Carer Friendly Tick award, which recognize the standards that young adult and adult carers believe are critical for identifying their needs and supporting them in healthcare settings.
- The Luton Continuing Healthcare Team received excellent feedback from colleagues at Keech hospice about the outstanding care they deliver.
- Dr Chinnaiah Yemula, Consultant Paediatrician, and colleagues have published a chapter on Clinical Assessment of Children and Young People with Sleep Problems and Co-Morbid Neurodevelopmental Disorders.
- A positive case study was developed by Speech and Language Link Therapist Harriett Skipper on the impact of systemwide working on a particular Norfolk primary school.

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