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Title/Subject: Governance and Management Arrangements for Falkirk Community Hospital

Meeting: Clinical and Care Governance Committee

Date: 22 August 2019

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Action: For Noting

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide Falkirk IJB Clinical and Care Governance Committee with an update of the current governance and management arrangements for Falkirk Community Hospital (FCH).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Clinical and Care Governance Committee note the contents of this paper.

3. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FALKIRK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

- 3.1. Clinical and care governance arrangements for the site are through reporting to the Directorate Clinical Governance Group which in turn reports to the NHS Forth Valley Clinical Care Governance Working Group which is chaired by the Medical Director. Reporting is in the form of briefs and progress reports and also includes to the NHS Chief Executive and Board as deemed appropriate. In addition there is regular reporting to the Executive Nurse Director to share progress with the Executive team.
- 3.2. These arrangements ensure there are the appropriate monitoring, scrutiny and reporting systems and processes in place to provide assurance on the quality and safety of care being provided. These arrangements apply across all the community hospitals.
- 3.3. In addition NHS Forth Valley continues to have in place an oversight monitoring group for FCH, led by the Deputy Director of Nursing, to monitor and ensure the management of the actions and improvements being taken forward.
- 3.4. The oversight group has recently systematically reviewed all of the actions within the plan. This includes incorporating the intelligence, learning and recommendations arising from, audits, complaints, adverse events and external inquiries. This robust evaluation has enabled a re-focussing of the work to date and a refreshed action plan. As part of this a monitoring framework which will strengthen the assurance and governance arrangements has been further developed.



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- 3.5. NHS Forth Valley also continues to provide NHS HIS with regular updates on progress with implementation of the actions and improvements in relation to Unit 1, FCH and across the hospital more generally. The most recent update was submitted on the 9th August 2019.

4. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FALKIRK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

- 4.1. The Acute Directorate continues to support the site through a dedicated interim Senior Manager, providing visible management support to ensure that the day to day focus in the delivery of safe and effective care is in place. Forth Valley Royal Hospital has also provided cover of a full-time interim Clinical Nurse Manager whilst the current CNM is on secondment. These roles also support the management arrangements for Bo'ness Hospital.
- 4.2. The CNM provides professional leadership and support to the Senior Charge Nurses and teams across all the units and this professional leadership is further enhanced through additional input of the Head of Nursing for Community.

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising from the report recommendations.

Impact on IJB Outcomes and Priorities

There is no direct impact resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from the report recommendations.

Consultation

No consultation was required on the report recommendations.

Equalities Assessment

There are no equalities impacts arising from the report recommendations.

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List of Background Papers: No background papers were relied on in the preparation of this report.