

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD: PUBLIC
14 November 2018

Title	Mental Health Committee 24 September 2018 – Chair’s Report
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Purpose of the report

To bring to the Board’s attention key issues and assurances discussed at the Mental Health Committee meeting held on 24 September 2018.

Issues to be brought to Board’s attention

The following key items and assurances were considered by the Committee at its meeting on 24 September 2018:

- **AHM Appointments & Terminations:** The Committee noted there had been no new appointments or terminations.
- **Hospital Managers Power of Discharge Policy Review:** The Committee noted the policy had been reviewed in line with the Trust’s requirements. The changes within the Trust’s policy were minimal as there have been no changes to national policy on which the Trust’s policy is based.
- **Mental Health Law Annual Report:** The Committee noted:
 - The report has combined with other reports and includes AHM activity and attendance at sub-committee meetings, Trust activity, DoLS, ethnicity data, reporting to Committees, and training
 - There has been a marked increase in detentions which is both a national and local trend. More detailed data on multiple detentions and run rates was required to understand underlying causes
 - There has been a significant increase in discharges.
- **Hospital Managers Power of Discharge Jargon Update:** The Committee received an update on the findings from an initial survey to obtain AHM views on what hearings should be named in future. The Committee agreed that the name should give service users a clear understanding of what to expect and must also be in keeping with the Mental Health Act and Code.
- **Mental Health Act Review:** The Committee received an update on the involvement of AHMs in the review of the MHA; this included attendance at consultation events but concern was raised on the value of these events. AHMs were encouraged to respond directly to the consultation.
- **DoLS Review:** The Committee noted that it was expected that this review would progress following completion of the MHA review.
- **Learning from Experience:** AHMs shared feedback on their experience in the role including paper reviews, receipt of papers and administration matters, discharge of young patients, conflicts of interest and reasons for discharge.