

<b>Trust Board meeting (Part 1)</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>27 January 2016</b>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Executive Director lead and presenter</b>	<b>Report author</b>
<b>BD/15/219</b>	<b>EPRR Assurance Annual Statement</b>	<b>Mathew Page, Acting Director of Operations</b>	<b>Hazel Edwards</b>

**This report is for:**

Decision	
Discussion	
To Note	X

**History**

*Executive Team, 5 January 2016*

**The following impacts have been identified and assessed within this report**

Equality	EIA discussed within the report
Quality	QIA discussed within the report
Privacy	PIA discussed within the report

**Executive summary of key issues**

2013 saw the first Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response (EPRR) audit against the new NHS England core standards for EPRR. This year the assurance audit has changed format slightly and, more appropriately, groups key areas of audit against the domains listed below.

The assurance process required providers of NHS Funded Care to complete a self-assessment questionnaire and to RAG rate themselves against the core standards for EPRR, which examines the following domains;

- Governance
- Duty to Assess Risk
- Duty to Maintain Plans – Emergency and Business Continuity Plans
- Command and Control
- Duty to Communicate with the Public
- Information Sharing – Mandatory Requirements
- Co-operation and
- Training and Exercising

The completed EPRR Assurance Audit questionnaire has been submitted to NHS England BNSSG Area Team, who will review the submissions prior to dissemination to the lead commissioner CCG (North Somerset CCG for AWP) for further discussion during EPRR Performance review meetings.

Additionally the assurance process required providers of NHS Funded Care to:

- Produce an Improvement Plan, informed by the results of the self-assessment,
- Produce a Board Statement detailing progress over the past year against the outcomes of the 2014 EPRR Assurance Audit.

The purpose of the self-assessment is threefold:

- It allows the Trust to measure its level of preparedness and identify areas where more work is required.
- It allows the NHS England Area Teams to identify as a Local Health Community Partnership, areas where more joint planning is required. A Local Health Community wide level of preparedness report will be produced and will enable the Trust to compare itself against that of other local NHS Organisations. This report will be available at the next Board meeting if required.
- It enables NHS England to have a national understanding of the level of preparedness across the NHS.

The Board should make a **decision** regarding endorsement of this statement. All of the assurance audit paperwork has been completed and submitted to the NHS England BNSSSG Area Team. It was signed off and authorised for submission by Mathew Page as the Trust Accountable Emergency Officer for EPRR.

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – AWP EPRR Self-Assessment Return
- Appendix 2 – AWP EPRR Improvement & Work Plan
- Appendix 3 – AWP Board EPRR Statement of Assurance

**This report addresses these strategic priorities:**

We will deliver the best care	X
We will support and develop our staff	
We will continually improve what we do	X
We will use our resources wisely	X
We will be future focussed	X