

'You matter, we care'

Trust Board Meeting (Part 1 or Part 2)	Date:
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Title:	NHS England Annual Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Audit
Item:	BD/13/250

Executive Director lead and presenter	Paul Miller
Report author(s)	Chris Williams

History:	Details will go to the 19 th December 2013 Audit Committee
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This report is for:	
Decision	
Discussion	
To Note	Yes

Executive Summary of key issues

1. Historically, NHS Organisational preparedness for emergencies has always been assured by an Emergency preparedness self-assessment audit in the late autumn. It has been based on the Department of Health Emergency Planning Guidance 2005.
 This year following the significant changes to the NHS and providers of NHS funded care, the NHS Commissioning Board / NHS England produced a set of core standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response. This autumn saw the first assurance audit against these new standards.
 The process consisted of four key elements:
 - To complete a self-assessment assurance questionnaire, examining the four domains,
 - Governance
 - Capability
 - Capacity and
 - Integration
 - To produce an Improvement Plan, informed by the results of the self-assessment,
 - To produce a record of Best Practice and Innovation within the Trust and

- To produce a Board Statement of Assurance.

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 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.

2. The Core Standards for EPRR now require a Non-Executive Director to be a non-Exec Lead for EPRR.
3. The Board are requested to receive and approve this paper. All of the assurance audit paperwork has been completed and submitted to the NHS England Area Teams and our Primary Commissioner – North Somerset CCG. It was signed off and authorised for submission by Paul Miller – The Trust Accountable Emergency Officer for EPRR, on the basis of approval at Board today. The complete Paper Set will go to the next Audit Committee on 19th December 2013.
4. The Board are asked to note that Non-Executive Director Anthony McNiff will be the Non-Executive Lead for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response.

This report addresses these Strategic Objectives:

Consolidate	Yes
Integrate	Yes
Expand	

This report addresses these Values:

Passion	Doing our best, all of the time	Yes
Respect	Listening, understanding and valuing what you tell us	
Integrity	Being open, honest, straightforward and reliable	Yes
Diversity	Relating to everyone as an individual	
Excellence	Striving to provide the highest quality support	Yes