

Council of Governors

Quality Assurance Committee Update

Heather Smith, Chair Quality Assurance
Committee

19 December 2023

Quality Strategy 2022-2026

- an enabling strategy to the Clinical and Social Care Strategy
- Grounded in the approach from NHSEI to move towards a Quality Management System which will co-ordinate and embed quality improvement, quality control, quality planning and quality assurance across the Trust.
- Recognises that coproduction with people who use services, their families and carers is integral to understanding quality and links the Service User strategy to the Quality Strategy



Quality Assurance Committee

The Quality Assurance Committee provides assurance to the Board of Directors in consultation with the other Board Committees that adequate and appropriate governance structures, processes and controls are in place throughout the Trust.

Its purpose is to oversee and ensure the effective delivery of:

- Safe care at all times
- Timely access to effective care
- Positive experience and outcomes for service users and carers
- Effective quality assurance and improvement underpins all we do

Key items received at QAC

- Monthly consideration of the Integrated Performance and Quality data report and using the data and the discussion to understand the risks to quality and the areas of improvement. Recovery plans for areas of concern are considered on a regular basis.
- The Committee has focussed on key risks including the unacceptable waits for some community services and the delay in a bed being available at the point of need
- The Committee has been presented with regular reports on the Quality and Equality Impact Assessments (QEIA) process that is in place and evidence of how we understand the potential impact of our transformation and change activity.
- Over 22/23 the learning lessons quarterly report has evolved to pull together learning across serious incidents, complaints, significant event analysis, incident huddle, safeguarding and many other types of learning points in SHSC. Following a review of the Ockenden report the learning lessons paper also includes an overview of all serious incidents in the quarter and key feedback from stakeholders.
- Aligned to the learning lessons report is the Clinical Quality and Safety Group quarterly report which shares progress with key quality priorities including the implementation of the Quality Strategy, progress with Tendable (an audit tool), Culture and Quality visits/Fundamental Standards visits.
- Our compliance with Infection Prevention and Control standards has been reported into the Committee for oversight and assurance. All reports have been supported by a subject matter expert.
- The committee has also considered reports on eg medicines safety, research and innovation, safeguarding. Also, transformation projects eg in our community offer; learning disabilities and autism provision; and in primary care.

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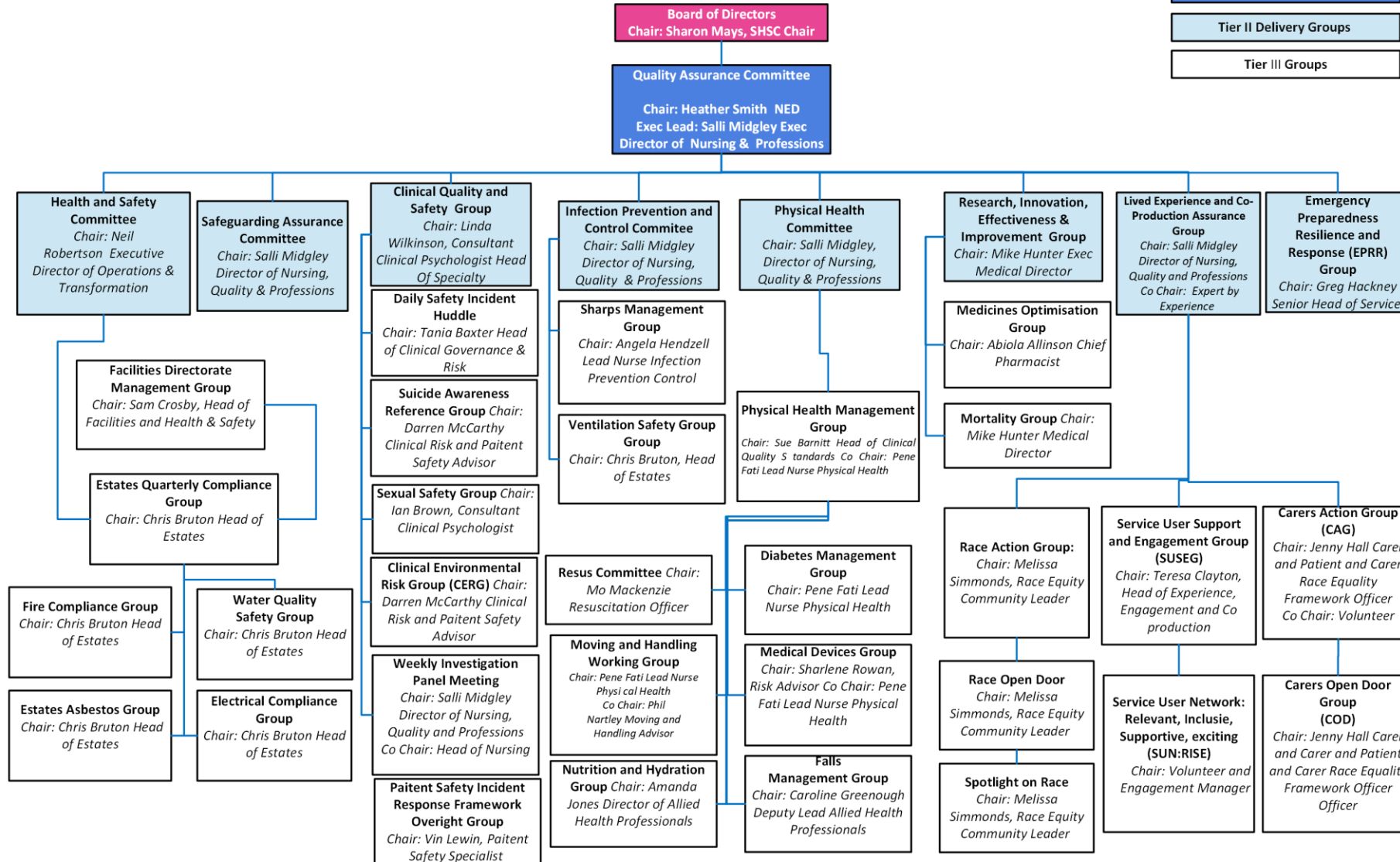
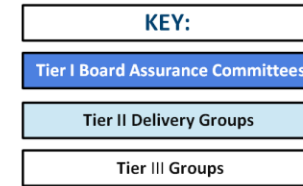
- This committee meets every month
- Membership:
 - **Chair:** Heather Smith, Non-Executive Director
 - **Non-Executive Directors:** Anne Dray, Olayinka Monisola Fadahunsi-Oluwole, Brendan Stone
 - **Executive Director of Nursing, Professions and Quality:** Salli Midgley (Executive Lead)
 - **Executive Medical Director:** Dr. Mike Hunter
- Attendees:
 - Executive Director of Operations and Transformation
 - Senior Head of Service
 - One representative from each Clinical Directorate clinical leadership team
 - Service User Representative
 - Committee Administrator
 - Governor Observer

Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS FT Corporate Governance Structure



Sheffield Health and Social Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Board & Committee Governance Structure – Quality Assurance Committee



Our strategic aims

Our priorities



Sheffield Health
and Social Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Deliver
outstanding care



- Deliver therapeutic environments
- Transform our community mental health and learning disability services
- Improve access to crisis care
- Improve access so people wait less and wait well
- Deliver our quality and safety objectives

Create a great
place to work



- Live our values, improving experience and wellbeing
- Improving staff engagement and involvement

Effective use of
resources



- Implement RIO safely
- Deliver our financial plan and efficiency programme

Ensure our services
are inclusive



- Patient and carer race equality framework
- Work in partnership to address health inequalities

Our approach
to delivering
our priorities

- We will ensure the care we deliver is trauma-informed, strengths-based, person-centred, and evidence-led
- We will deliver change through co-production and quality improvement approaches
- We will focus on equality, inclusion and addressing health inequalities in all we do
- We will deliver our Green Plan commitments

