

## Meeting of the Trust Board in Public

3rd March 2022

<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Maternity self-assessment tool</b>
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<b>Previously considered by:</b>	Performance Assurance (Integrated Assurance) Committee, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**Approval**

**Discussion**

**Information**

**Assurance**

### **Purpose of the Report**

The Trust Board of Directors must be informed of the current status of ESNEFT maternity services, following completion of Safety Self-assessment tool.

The tool has been designed for NHS maternity services and private maternity providers to allow them to self-assess whether their operational service delivery meets national standards, guidance, and regulatory requirements. Organisations can use the tool to inform the Trust's maternity quality improvement and safety plan, and so keep the Board of Directors and commissioners aware of their current position.

The tool was developed in response to national review findings, and recommendations for good safety principles within maternity services. It has also been influenced by:

- the findings of the Ockenden review
- the 7 features of safety culture
- the emerging themes from services on the maternity safety support programme (MSSP)
- the areas CQC found to be outstanding in other maternity services across England.

The tool is therefore used as a benchmark for the Trust in the core principles of good safety standards within Maternity services.

ESNEFT's current self-assessment using the tool is attached. This will be operationally overseen via the Every Birth Every Day programme board, chaired by the Chief Executive; however, this should be considered by the Board of Directors as part of the public Board's consideration of the safety of maternity services at ESNEFT.

### **Action Required of the Committee**

To receive the current self-assessment of maternity services for information, noting the onward recommendation for the Board of Directors to review the Trust's current position.

<b>Link to Strategic Objectives (SO)</b>		<b>Please tick</b>
SO1	Keep people in control of their health	<input type="checkbox"/>
SO2	Lead the integration of care	<input type="checkbox"/>
SO3	Develop our centres of excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO4	Support and develop our staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO4	Drive technology enabled care	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Risk Implications for the Trust</b> <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences)</i>		A failure to ensure that the Trust has a thorough assessment of its services, caused by inadequate planning and activity, may lead to pregnant people and their families coming to harm, leading to concerns about maternity services being raised to Trust regulators. This may lead to sanctions being placed against the Trust's license.
<b>Trust Risk Appetite</b>		The Board has a cautious risk appetite when it comes to compliance and regulatory issues. Where the laws, regulations and standards are about the delivery of safe, high quality care, it will make every effort to meet regulator expectations and comply with them and will only challenge them if there is strong evidence or argument to do so.
<b>Legal and regulatory implications</b> <i>(including links to CQC outcomes, Monitor, inspections, audits, etc.)</i>		A failure to ensure that systems and processes are in place to support the safe delivery of maternity services may lead to a breach of the Trust's registration in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. In particular, this may specifically call into question Regulation 12 Safe Care and Treatment; Regulation 13 Safeguarding service users from abuse and improper treatment, and Regulation 18 Staffing
<b>Financial Implications</b>		Consideration of the Trust being an organisation that can expand and deliver increased services, through bids for capital and increased revenue, may be affected if the Trust cannot evidence the delivery of safe and effective care across all its services.
<b>Equality and Diversity</b>		Due to the nature of maternity services it is recognised that any gaps in service provision will negatively affect pregnant people and their families, and any detriments to their healthcare must be addressed as an urgent priority.