

Key Issues Report

Issues for referral to reporting Committee/Group

Originating Committee/Group and meeting date:	Every Birth Every Day (EBED), 30 th January 2024
Chair:	Darren Darby, Chief Nurse
Lead Executive Director (as appropriate):	Nick Hulme, CEO

Subject	Details of Issue	Action*
Maternity and Neonatal Voice Partnership (MNVP)	Challenges raised with engagement with new MNVP chairs, support from the ICB to resolve. LMNS to support further with additional training for Chairs.	Information
Work stream updates - governance	Positive discussion around improved governance metrics (both overdue incident investigation and also open actions from investigations have all seen a positive improvement.	Assurance
Work stream updates - workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges around the recruitment to the HoM role discussed as part of the work stream and also as part of the MSSP report. All external stakeholders agreed this post should be banded at a higher band (from 8c to 8d) given the size of the organisation and the demands on maternity services, to ensure in keeping with other organisations and ensure ESNEFT is competing equally for high caliber candidates. Division working through options Leadership of labour ward coordinators discussed, stakeholders happy with current work ongoing around self-assessment and training for teams being developed 	Escalation Assurance
CQC update	Assured of progress against plans – discussion around how intelligence is shared amongst organisations	Information
Estates discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant discussion around the challenges in relation to the lifts in the maternity tower, also reminded that there is now a new risk on the Colchester site in relation to the location of the bereavement suite which must also take a priority. This has formed part of our business planning in terms of priorities. National Estates survey will be sent to all Directors of Estates and Facilities to review the infrastructure across the country for maternity services 	Escalation Information

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MSSP (Maternity Safety Support Programme) NHSE	The group were informed that the MIAs (Maternity Improvement Advisors) were to be reducing from two to one for ESNEFT, which was taken of endorsement of the work that was well underway at ESNEFT. Progress has been reported as good and exit criteria for exiting the programme has been agreed. Reset planned to take place later in March as have been on the programme for longer than 18 months.	Information
Feedback from external stakeholders	Positive endorsements received from all external stakeholders as to the improvements seen within the service in recent months with increasing confidence in the quality and safety of services provided.	Assurance
*Key:		Approval Positive action required regarding an item of business or support for a decision
Escalation	Support/decision required by reporting committee to resolve an issue within its remit	Alert Proactive notification of subject matter/risk that reporting committee is currently dealing with or mitigating which may require future action/decision
Assurance	Evidence or information to demonstrate that appropriate action is being taken within a reporting committee's remit	Information No action required. Reporting to update on discussion within a reporting committee's remit