

Trust Board of Directors

Report Summary

Date of meeting: 2 May 2024	
Title of Document: Maternity Assurance Report	
To be presented by: Anne Rutland, Interim Chief Nurse	Author: Amanda Price-Davey, Director of Midwifery
1. Status: For Assurance	
2. Purpose: For the Board to be informed of Maternity Services updates, including escalations from the Maternity and Neonatal Safety Champions, and to consider the quarter 4 Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT).	
Relates to:	
Strategic Objective	Include the relevant objective/all – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep people in control of their health; Lead the integration of care; Develop our centres of excellence
Operational performance	Operational performance will impact positively on Maternity Services.
Quality	Quality: The board is cautious when it comes to quality and places the principle of "no harm" at the heart of the decision. It is prepared to accept some risk if the benefits are justifiable and the potential for mitigation is strong.
Legal, Regulatory, Audit	CQC Regulations 8, 9, 10, 12 13, 14.
Equality and diversity	The report contains detail of the projects underway to tackle equality, diversity and inclusion challenges within maternity services
Finance	NA
Governance	NA
NHS policy/public consultation	The newly founded NHS Impact supports continuous improvement
Accreditation/ Inspection	Regulatory frameworks expect Trusts to have a programme of continuous improvement
Anchor institutions	NA
ICS/ICB/Alliance	NA
Board Assurance Framework (BAF) Risk	BAF Risk 4: If ESNEFT does not have the correct quality assurance mechanisms in place, then it may fail to maintain or improve the quality and safety of patient services, resulting in poor patient care, increased health inequalities, experience and potential harm.
Other	NA
3. Summary:	
The ESNEFT Maternity update report aims to provide a comprehensive review of the current position of the service, and to give assurance around compliance and quality indicators.	
Key information for the month of March:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in the number of incidents received in Maternity and the severity of these incidents, with a Never Event being declared, and 3 ITU admissions in the month. Sixty Supportive Steps to Safety visit completed at Ipswich Maternity Services, and no immediate areas of concern identified. 	

- Learning from CNST year 5 and commencement of the NHS Resolution's Maternity Incentive Scheme Safety Actions for year 6.
- Update for standalone birthing units following Panorama TV episode highlighting concerns in another Trust
- Equality, diversity and inclusion projects update
- The report presented to the Quality and Patient Safety Committee is also included.

4. Recommendations / Actions

The Board is invited to consider the content of this update and confirm that assurance has been provided.