

COMMITTEE ALERT, ADVISE, ASSURANCE REPORT TO BOARD

Committee:	Scrutiny Committee
Meeting Date:	29 November 2024
Chair:	Marcus Longley

KEY ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

TO ALERT (alert the Board to any areas of particular importance or urgency)

Issue	Committee Update	Assurance Received	Action	Timescale

ADVISE (advise the Board on any areas of on-going monitoring or any new developments that need to be shared with the Board)				
Issue	Committee Update	Assurance Received	Action	Timescale
AR and PR Standards review consultation	The Committee discussed the draft Standards review consultation document. Board members were also invited to attend the meeting. The Committee provided extensive feedback to be incorporated into the next draft of the document. The Committee emphasised that the consultation needs to be broad and should be framed in a way that considers both the Standards themselves and how we approach our work in this area.	The Committee's feedback, and that received from the Board in the meeting and by email, will be fed into an updated consultation document. This will then be shared with the Board for further comment ahead of finalisation. Committee members were invited to share any further, detailed comments, by email following the meeting.	Consultation document to be amended and shared with the Board for sign off. Committee members to provide further comments by email.	December 2024
Performance review – consideration of issues raised in the NMC ICR	The Committee received an update on work undertaken by the team to consider whether and how issues raised in the ICR could have been identified by the PSA at an earlier stage, and action taken since the ICR's publication.	The Committee was provided with further information on how the Standards review project will inform this area, and on the team's consideration of how effective its evidence base is within the current Standards, particularly in	Further consideration of changes to PR process and evidence base will be undertaken following receipt of the Omambala KC reviews and through the Standards review.	Early 2025 (Omambala KC reviews) April to November 2025 (Standards review project)

<p>Performance review – review of changes made following evaluation of new approach</p>	<p>The Committee received an update following work undertaken to address recommendations from the October 2023 evaluation.</p>	<p>relation to getting closer to the issue. The Committee noted that the Omambala KC reviews, to be published in early 2025, will help to inform changes to the evidence base and how the team gathers evidence.</p> <p>The Committee noted the work undertaken to date to address the recommendations, and the work that has been put on hold. Work on hold included making the process more risk based. It was confirmed that this had been put on hold in light of the issues raised at the NMC and consideration of our evidence base and how we obtain evidence.</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Section 29 panel capacity</p>	<p>The Committee received an update on panel member capacity as part of the section 29 update.</p>	<p>The Committee queried why panel member availability continued to be an issue. The team confirmed that training had only recently been completed, and not all</p>	<p>None</p>	

		<p>new panel members had undertaken the required observation yet. It is expected all panel members will have done so by the end of 2024, at which point availability of sufficient panel members should be much improved. The Committee received assurance on the quality assurance of new panel members and monitoring of quality of decision-making.</p>		
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ASSURE (assure the Board on any areas of assurance that the Committee has received)				
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Accredited Registers, appointments, performance review and section 29 updates	As much of the time in the meeting was dedicated to discussing the Standards review consultation, the Committee took as read the update reports on each area of work.	The Committee was satisfied with progress on each area of work.	None	