THE MORECAMBE BAY INVESTIGATION - UPDATE ON PROGRESS

This is latest update on the work we have been doing with our partners to implement the 18 recommendations relevant to our Trust from the Report of the Morecambe Bay Investigation.

What have we been doing?
During November 2015, we completed a number of actions, including:

1. Launching the Maternity Matters video taken at the event in Barrow in September on the Trust website (www.uhmb.nhs.uk)
2. Agreed that medical and midwifery staff will attend an Audit and Clinical Effectiveness day at Central Manchester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in January 2016
3. Re-designed the Morecambe Bay Investigation pages of the Trust’s website to make information more accessible and easy to understand

Below is a short summary of progress for each of the eight key project work streams from 1 November - 30 November 2015:

Kirkup Programme
- Communicated progress to the working group, Morecambe Bay Investigation Sub-Committee, and the Trust Board
- Monitored, maintained and updated the action plans for all projects

Clinical Quality
- As in the last update, this project has successfully completed all the relevant actions. The team is now working with the relevant teams to embed the changes across the Trust

Education, Learning and Development
- Working with the Listening into Action (LiA) steering group to plan the format for the Big Conversation event taking place in January
- Identified a link person to agree role essential training with the Learning and Development Manager
- Started to develop some focussed communications to raise awareness of mandatory training prior to the Big Conversation taking place, which will include gathering feedback from staff via ward walk rounds

Estates
- Held a telephone conference with the Healthcare Planner which indicated Women and Children’s original bed numbers were in line with current guidance. A further meeting has been scheduled where detail will be discussed and final numbers confirmed
- Continued to engage with patients and staff with information disseminated through user group leads

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Governance

- Reviewed NHS employer’s health and safety standards and benchmarked against current Trust activity and policy / strategy
- Attended Divisional Governance and Assurance Group meeting to introduce changes to rapid review templates in relation to guidelines
- Uploaded all documents to the SharePoint document management system to ensure easy access for everyone in the one place.

Workforce

- Started the review of HR policies, protocols and guidelines through internal audit
- Completed a self-assessment exercise to identify training requirements. The survey was based on the national leadership survey. There was a 60% response rate to the survey and the responses were very encouraging. The results of the survey have been passed to divisions for discussion at quality and governance meetings

Strategic Partnership

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and a draft project plan, have been developed with Central Manchester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals which was approved at the last Trust Board Meeting
- Agreed that UHMBT medical and midwifery staff will attend an Audit and Clinical Effectiveness day on 19 January 2016 at Central Manchester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Communications and engagement

- Completed the redesign of the investigation pages on the Trust’s website to make them more accessible. The content for the newly designed web pages has been approved by the Plain English Campaign
- Launched the Maternity Matters video taken at the event in Barrow in September on the Trust’s website
- Shared monthly updates with staff and stakeholders, and uploaded to the Trust’s website and social media

How can I find out more?

We will continue to produce monthly updates like this and share them with staff, stakeholders, the media, and place them on our website for anyone to view at http://www.uhmb.nhs.uk/morecambe-bay-investigation

The dedicated area on our website also includes:

- The **Highlight Report** for each project, which gives an overview of the actions taken, actions planned and any risks or issues highlighted in that month
- The detailed **action plans** for each project. Please note that these are continuously reviewed and amended as appropriate as projects are taken forward so may change

We will continue to keep you updated.

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