

BOARD MEETING IN PUBLIC

22ND OCTOBER 2014

Title of Report:	<p>Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR)</p> <p>Assurance Against NHS England Core Standards</p>
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Committees previous consulted:	None
Executive Summary:	<p>EPRR is defined by a series of statutory responsibilities under the Civil Contingencies Act (2004) and Health and Social Care Act (2012), which require NHS funded organisations to maintain robust capability to plan for, and respond to incidents or emergencies that could impact on health or services to patients such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Incidents/Emergencies (Major Accidents, Acts of Terrorism or National Incidents e.g. fuel shortage) • Surge Capacity (Winter Pressure, Pandemic Flu or Public Health Outbreak) • Internal Business Continuity incidents/ Disruptions to Service (Loss of facilities, staff, IT/Data or Suppliers) <p>As a Category 1 responder, NHS Thurrock CCG's CCGs role is co-operating and sharing relevant information with Category 1 responders as well as ensuring sufficient plans are in place to outline any response.</p> <p>NHS England recently issued the 2014 EPRR Assurance Process. This requires all trusts to carry out a self-assessment against the NHS England EPRR Core Standards, and to produce an action plan to deliver the standards that are, as yet, not fully met.</p> <p>The assessment was conducted on behalf of all CCGs in Essex by the specialist EPRR team hosted by NHS Mid Essex CCG. It is the view of the Team that all Essex CCGs are at the Substantial level. There is still some work to be carried out or completed, but not against multiple standards.</p> <p>Gaps identified in the assessment included :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More robust training for on-call directors; • Warning and informing processes for emergencies and business

	<p>continuity incidents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to communicate internally and externally in the event of equipment failures; • Process for sharing risk assessments with partners. <p>An action plan to address these issues has been prepared and will be monitored throughout the year by the EPRR Team and the Quality and Governance Committee.</p> <p>Due to the timescale for submitting the assessment outcome to NHS England, the (Acting) Interim Accountable Officer endorsed the outcome of the assessment and the action plan. Board members are now asked to ratify the submission.</p>
Recommendation to the Board:	<p>Board members are invited to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the level of EPRR assurance achieved • Note the results of the self-assessment • Note the action plan for achieving full assurance • Agree the inclusion of the NHS England Sitrep report into the CCG Incident Response Plan
Financial Implications:	None
Fit with CCG strategy/objectives:	Robust systems for EPRR ensure that the CCG complies with relevant provisions of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Risks identified:	As noted in the report
Resource Implications:	None
Evaluation Criteria:	The EPRR assurance exercise will be repeated in 2015
Evaluation Date:	As above