

Trust Board Report

Meeting Date:	26th September 2016
Title:	Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response (EPRR) Core Standards 2015
Executive Summary:	To update the Board on the current position of the Trust in meeting NHS England's Core Standards for EPRR.
Action Requested:	For assurance the Board are asked to note the self-assessment.
Report of:	Chief Executive Officer (AEO)
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Resource Implications:	Nil
Public or Private: (with reasons if private)	Public session
References: (eg from/to other committees)	Emergency Planning Group
Appendices/ References/ Background Reading	Appendix 1: EPRR Core Standards 2016/2017 CCA Act 2004 NHS England Emergency Preparedness Framework (2013) NHS England Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response NHS England Business Continuity Management Framework (2013) ISO 222301 Business Continuity Management Systems Requirements BSI PAS 2015:2010 Framework for Health Services Resilience
NHS Constitution: (How it impacts on any decision-making)	

Background Details

1 The *NHS England Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR)* are the minimum standards which NHS organisations and providers of NHS funded care must meet as part of the *Health and Social Care Act 2012*. They are intended to provide a consistent framework for self-assessment, peer review and more formal control processes carried out by NHS England and regulatory organisations.

To comply fully with the *Core Standards*, NHS organisations and providers of NHS funded care must demonstrate as a minimum they:

1. Have nominated a suitable accountable emergency officer (AEO) who will be responsible for EPRR.
2. Contribute to area planning for EPRR through Local Health Resilience Partnerships (LHRPs) and other relevant groups.
3. Have suitable, up to date plans which set out in detail how they:
 - a. Plan for, respond to and recover from major incidents and emergencies as identified in local and community risk registers.
 - b. Maintain continuous service when faced with disruption from identified local risks.
 - c. Resume key services that have been disrupted by, for example, severe weather, IT failure, an infectious disease, a fuel shortage or industrial action. This planning should follow the principles of ISO 22301 and PAS 2015
4. Test these plans through:
 - a. A communications exercise every six months
 - b. Incident Control Room Test every six months
 - c. A desktop exercise once a year
 - d. A major live or simulated exercise every three years
5. Have suitably trained, competent staff and the right facilities available around the clock to effectively manage a major incident or emergency.
6. Share their resources as required to respond to a major incident or emergency.

As part of the assurance process NHS Trusts are required to provide to their NHS England Regional Team with an annual update on their progress against the *Standards* and their Lead CCG.

In 2015/2016 the Trust was assessed as 'Substantially Compliant'.

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The EPRR core standards for 2016/2017 were issued in June 2016. This year's EPRR assurance 'deep dive' topic is Business/Service Continuity with an emphasis on fuel. The fuel emphasis this year is designed to support a national cross government initiative which is occurring across a number of local services and including Local Resilience Forums. Further to last year's CBRN 'deep dive' this assessment remains incorporated into the EPRR core standards.

A self-assessment has been undertaken against the new standards to state an overall assurance rating as to whether the Trust is fully, substantially, partially or non-compliant with the NHS EPRR Core Standards. The Trust has assessed itself resulting in a rating of 'Fully Compliant.' As required within the new standards, the self-assessment this has been reviewed and endorsed by the Trust AEO and Emergency Planning Group. The assessment was required to be submitted by the Trust to the NHS England Regional Team by the 29 July 2016.

TMC receives on a quarterly basis an update on all of the activities which have been undertaken to achieve the EPRR framework and the core standards highlighting areas of compliance and areas which are still being developed.

The Trust Board is asked to note in Appendix 1 the self-assessment undertaken for 2016/2017.

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