**DECISION-MAKER:** HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON PROGRESS – SOUTHERN HEALTH NHS

FOUNDATION TRUST

**DATE OF DECISION:** 27 OCTOBER 2016

**REPORT OF:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE – SOUTHERN HEALTH NHS

FOUNDATION TRUST

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#### STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

#### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

NHS England commissioned Mazars to conduct an investigation into the deaths of all patients of Southern Health who had been in receipt of mental health or learning disability services since 2011 following the avoidable death of Connor Sparrowhawk in Oxfordshire. Connor was a patient in the care of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.

The Mazars report was published on NHS England's website on 17 December 2015 and highlights a number of actions for the Trust, commissioners and regulators.

In January 2016 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) undertook a follow-up inspection of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust. This was to review the actions taken since the CQC's comprehensive inspection of the Trust in October 2014 and to examine the Trust's processes for investigating and reporting deaths following the publication of the Mazars report in December 2015.

On 6 April 2016 the CQC announced that it had issued the Trust with a warning notice, highlighting further improvements that needed to be made to our governance arrangements. The full CQC inspection report was published on 29 April.

At the 1 February 2016 meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP) the Panel considered the Mazars report and recommended that Southern Health, at an appropriate meeting, updates the Panel on progress implementing the improvement plan and feedback from regulators. An initial update was provided on 30 June 2016, during which the Panel also requested an update on the progress following the review into Southern Health by former Interim Chair Tim Smart.

Appended to this report is a briefing paper (Appendix 1) including updates on the Mazars action plan, the CQC action plan, and the recent developments at Southern Health as well as the progress made against the recommendations made by the former Interim Chair. The briefing paper is supported by detailed action plans (Appendices 2, 3 and 4).

The Panel are requested to consider the appendices and discuss the key issues with the invited representatives from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(i) That the Panel considers the attached briefing papers and updated action plans and discusses the issues with the invited representatives from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.

#### REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

 To enable the Panel to effectively scrutinise the issues impacting on health services in Southampton raised by the Mazars report and the subsequent Care Quality Commission inspection report.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

2. None.

## **DETAIL** (Including consultation carried out)

- 3. Following consideration of the Mazars report at the 1 February 2016 meeting of the HOSP the Panel made a number of recommendations for Southern Health and commissioners.
- 4. The Panel recognised the need to regularly review the issues raised in this report until the Panel are assured that progress is being made. The Panel therefore made the following recommendation:

'That, following discussion with the Chair, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust updates the Panel on progress implementing the improvement plan and feedback from regulators, at an appropriate meeting of the HOSP.'

- 5. Attached as Appendix 1 is a briefing paper from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust. Attached as Appendix 2 is the Mortality and Serious Incident Management report. Attached as Appendices 3 and 4 are the CQC Action Plan and exceptions report for October 2016.
- 6. During the HOSP meeting on 30 June 2016, the Panel were updated on the temporary closure of the Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Antelope House in Southampton. Attached as Appendix 5 is an update on developments with regards to the PICU. The Panel are requested to consider the briefing papers and associated plans, and discuss the key issues with the invited representatives.

#### RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

#### Capital/Revenue

7. N/A

## **Property/Other**

8. N/A

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

## Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. N/A

## **Other Legal Implications:**

10. None

## POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11 N/A

## KEY DECISION N/A

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: All

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

# **Appendices**

- Briefing Paper Update on progress made by Southern Health NHS
   Foundation Trust since publication of the Mazars report, and the Care
   Quality Commission inspection report
- 2. Mortality and Serious Incident Management Report
- CQC Action Plan
- 4. CQC Summary Exception Report for October 2016
- 5 Update on Antelope House

## **Documents In Members' Rooms**

1. None

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety No Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.

# **Privacy Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact No Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.

## **Other Background Documents**

# **Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to

Information Procedure Rules / Schedule

12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1. None