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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 15 April 2009

Title: Risk Register update

Executive Summary: Attached is the revised register of high and moderate risks. It has been reviewed by each of the individual directors responsible, and an update provided. The register was then reviewed by the executive committee on 24 February, to agree the updates and residual risk ratings, before presentation to Audit Committee on 5 March. The changes to the register are highlighted in bold type within the attached document.

Five new risks have been added to the register, as previously reported to Board:

- 09/01 increase in reported incidents of violence to staff (rated 12 – moderate)
- 09/02 failure to ensure the suitability of drivers undertaking driving duties (rated 12 – moderate)
- 09/03 failure of nurse call systems on wards (rated 16 – high)
- 09/04 slips, trips & falls on ungritted pavements and roadways (rated 12 – moderate)
- 09/05 storage and availability of adequate medical consumables in event of pandemic or major incident (rated 12 – moderate)

Of the previous 17 high level risks, six remain as high, with four now reduced to moderate. Seven are now low risk.

Of the 38 moderate risks, which include the five new risks identified since last Audit Committee, 12 are now reduced to low risk, and 25 remain as moderate.

One risk has been increased to high level: compliance with the single sex ward standard. This is a result of the recent requirement from the DH that all mixed sex accommodation must be eliminated by March 2010. A bid was submitted to the SHA for funding to enable the required estates changes to be made in wards; the trust has been allocated approximately 50% of the funding requested, however the timescale in which this needs to be done is significantly challenging, as the works are required to be completed by the end of June 2009. This is not feasible, as it requires a series of ward closures to enable the building works; the current plan is to complete the work by the end of October 2009.

Action: For information

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Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards

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Reference:
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