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Purpose of paper

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Presenter

Alastair Campbell Tara Clinton

Date of meeting

06/11/2025

Title of paper (Maximum of 300 characters)

Cardiac Surgery Steering Group Update

Background (Maximum of 1500 characters)

BHSCT has been placed on Level 5, the highest escalation of the Support and Intervention Framework in response to the DCO Review Report. The Trust and the Cardiac Surgery Unit (CSU) are committed to fully address the 16 recommendations. The Cardiac Surgery Steering Group has been established to provide overall governance and assurance against to progress of the recommendations and hold the individual task and finish groups to account.

Date considered at Exec Team (If Applicable)

Not Applicable

Options for consideration (Maximum of 1500 characters)

The Cardiac Surgery Steering Group is chaired by the Trust Chief Executive and cochaired by a Non Executive Director. The steering group has met 4 times (29/07/2025, 26/08/2025, 23/09/2025) with the most recent meeting on the 28 October 2025. There are four (4) task and finish groups who report into this group: the Cardiac Surgery Oversight Group, the Culture and Civility Task and Finish Group, the Raising Concerns Task and Finish Group and the Governance and Assurance Task and Finish Group. During these meetings the Task and Finish Group Chairs report their progress against each of the recommendations through a highlight report which address areas of progress, issue and risks and items for escalation to the Steering Group. Based on the highlight reports and the discussion during the meeting a overarching Progress Report is developed and includes a RAG (Red, Amber Green) rating against each action in order to provide oversight and assurance to the Trust Board, SPPG, PHA and DoH.

Recommendations (Maximum of 1500 Characters)

For oversight and assurance and any questions TB members may have regarding the work of this group in relation to the Cardiac Surgery Action Plan.



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