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Title of paper (Maximum of 300 characters) **Muckamore Abbey Hospital Inquiry & Related Workstreams Oversight Group – update as at 09.09.2026**		
Purpose of paper	For Oversight	
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Rationale for confidential consideration (if applicable)		
Presenter	**Peter Sloan**	
Date of meeting	24 September 2026	
Background (Maximum of 1500 characters) Refer to attached paper.		
Date considered at Exec Team (If Applicable)	n/a	
Options for consideration (Maximum of 1500 characters) n/a		
Recommendations (Maximum of 1500 Characters) Trust Board are asked to note the update report		
Proposed Onward Consideration	Later Agenda	
If other		

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MEETING ASSURANCE REPORT

Report for:	Trust Board
Date of meeting:	24.09.2026

Report from:	MAH Inquiry & Related Workstreams Oversight Group
Report date:	09.09.2026
Chair:	Chief Executive
Lead Officer / Author:	Co-Director Risk & Governance
Was the meeting quorate	Yes

Purpose: For Approval / Direction / Oversight / Other	Oversight
If 'Other' please specify:	n/a

Aligning to the Belfast Trust Corporate Priorities:

PATIENTS & SERVICE USERS	Being caring and open	X
PEOPLE	Being kind, professional, and respectful	X
POPULATION HEALTH & PARTNERS	Being collaborative and inclusive	X
PERFORMANCE	Being effective and safe	X
POTENTIAL	Being curious and embracing innovation	X

Summary update:

1. As reported to Trust Board on 27.08.2026, the MAH Inquiry & Related Workstreams Oversight Group met on 18.08.2026 and its next meetings are scheduled for 22.09.2026, and 20.10.2026.

2. On this basis, the next opportunity to provide a substantive update from the Oversight Group will be within papers for the Trust Board meeting scheduled for 29.10.2026 (though this will require the Trust Board's understanding, in terms of receiving a late paper on that occasion).

3. In the meantime, the following key interim updates are listed for noting:

a. **MAH Inquiry Report Recommendations – SPPG Tracker:** The Trust continues to liaise with SPPG in relation to the establishment of structures to oversee and secure assurance of the implementation of the MAH Inquiry Report Recommendations. Preliminary work has been undertaken to map the Trust's baseline position and to identify improvement work that can be commenced immediately.

b. **Liaison and engagement with patients, families, and carers:** The Trust continues to follow up with families to whom we have written following the publication of the Report, to arrange one-to-one or small group meetings with the Chief Executive and Chairman, in line with the families' preferences. An engagement event is being organised to discuss involvement in recommendations-related work with patients, families and carers.

c. **Belfast Trust attendance at Health Committee session focusing on the MAH Inquiry - 15.09.2026, 09:30-10.30:** Work is underway to prepare for this session. Attending for the Trust will be: Chairman; Chief Executive; Medical Director; Executive Director of Nursing; Director of Mental Health, Intellectual Disability and Psychological Services.

d. **MAH Inquiry-related correspondence, queries:** The Trust continues to field FOIs and Assembly Questions related to the content of the MAH Inquiry Report. Work is ongoing to appropriately redact the Corporate Warning Letter issued by MAHI to the Trust, and the Trust's letter of response, in order to respond to an FOI seeking their disclosure. As outlined in the previous Trust Board update, this work is necessary, because the Warning Letter and the Trust's response made reference to materials disclosed to the Inquiry, or proposed for disclosure to the Inquiry but not received by it, that have not been published previously, and that include personal identifiable information relating to patients, families and carers, and former and current staff. The Trust is continuing to work to respond to this FOI in a way that is both proportionate in terms of resources dedicated to it and that balances our commitment to openness and transparency with our confidentiality obligations to patients, families, and staff.

e. **Scoping staff (former and current) identified in the MAH Inquiry:** an initial meeting took place on 08.09.2026 to consider the scope and approach of the work that is required to review the material that the Trust has consolidated, in terms of all references to identifiable staff in the material published by the Inquiry. That meeting determined that further consideration and engagement with the relevant professional leads is needed before a Terms of Reference can be established. This will be arranged as soon as possible, and a further update provided to Trust Board in October.

f. **Resettlement and decommissioning:** one patient remains on the MAH site. The remaining placement is subject to Judicial Review. ID Services continue to manage the risks associated with the isolated care environment, staffing fragility, limited support services, security vulnerabilities on a largely decommissioned site.

Background Summarise Agenda items as bullet point list, to provide context
n/a

Decisions and approvals made Clarify any actions and next steps agreed
n/a

Important issues discussed Using the 3-A Assurance Model (Alert, Advise, Assure): separate urgent issues, routine updates, and positive assurance to support decision making and assurance

Alert Highlight matters requiring immediate attention or escalation
n/a

Assure Confirm where the committee has received positive assurance
n/a

Advise Inform the receiving committee or board of matters that require awareness, but not immediate action
n/a

New risks identified, including controls and mitigations discussed Record any new risks identified or added to the risk register
n/a

Issues escalated or referred to another committee or group Identify the name of the receiving forum and detail the issues escalated or referred
n/a

Recommendations
n/a

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