

**REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD - PUBLIC**  
**19 OCTOBER 2017**

<b>Title</b>	Quality Assurance Committee 25 September 2017 – Chair's report
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Mary Elford, Committee Chair

**Purpose of the Report:**

To bring to the Board's attention key issues discussed at the Quality Assurance Committee meeting held on 25 September 2017 in Luton. The minutes of the meeting will be circulated to the Board after they have been approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

**Issues to be brought to Board's attention:**

The following key issues and actions were agreed at the Quality Assurance Committee meeting on 25 September 2017 in Luton:

- **Luton and Bedfordshire services – Quality and Safety reports:** The Committee had detailed presentations from the Luton and Bedfordshire Borough Directors. The Committee noted the progress made to date and decided that as the ongoing issues and improvements to be progressed in Luton and Bedfordshire are similar to those facing other directorates/localities, it is no longer necessary to be a standing item on QAC agendas. The Committee will be reviewing the Luton and Bedfordshire services in the same way as other directorates once a year.
- **Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC) in Bedfordshire:** Some strategic and partnership work has taken place with housing providers to address the DTCs but greater emphasis is required. DTC funding panel arrangements have improved but pathways differ across three local authorities.
- **Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) services:** The Committee considered the CQC's report of their announced Focused Mental Health Act visit. The provision of AMHP services in Newham is of concern. Due to pressures on staffing, the local authority has proposed that the Newham team would see Newham residents and could not go out of area. It was agreed that the impact on service users and potential solutions are first considered internally before the issue is escalated formally indicating how ELFT can assist in developing a solution.
- **Mental Health Law compliance:** There is a gap in reporting to the Board on activity in relation to Mental Health Law outside what is covered by the Associate Hospital Managers' Annual Report (i.e. in reporting on use of sections under the Mental Health Act, detentions, human rights issues, and the Mental Capacity Act). The Committee asked for a report to be brought to the Board on Mental Health Law activity that is not covered by the Associate Hospital Managers' Annual Report.