



AGENDA ITEM

3.1.4

QUALITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RATIFICATION OF URGENT COMMITTEE CHAIR'S ACTION - POLICY APPROVAL

Date of meeting	24/05/2023
FOI Status	Open/Public
If closed please indicate reason	Not Applicable - Public Report
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Report purpose	FOR APPROVAL

Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)

Committee/Group/Individuals	Date	Outcome
Urgent Chair's Action	Circulated 29/03/2023	SUPPORTED

ACRONYMS

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1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek ratification of a policy which was approved under Chair's Urgent Action between Quality & Safety Committee meetings.
- 1.2 On this occasion the Chairs Urgent Action was seeking approval of the Policy for the Sensitive Disposal of Pregnancy Remains which is explained further in Section 2.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)

- 1.3 The Policy for the Sensitive Disposal of Pregnancy Remains is relevant to all practicing Clinical staff in mortuaries, maternity, gynaecology, early pregnancy units, community clinics, emergency departments, theatres, facilities, hospital chaplains.
- 2.2 It provides a prescribed plan for staff to follow, which should not be deviated from. This Policy presents the overarching principles and standards for the development of localised Standard Operating Policies (SOPs).
- 2.3 The Policy ensures that all pregnancy remains of less than 24 weeks gestation resulting from all circumstances of loss of pregnancy, are disposed of in a sensitive, dignified and timely manner.
- 2.3 With the support of the Chair the request seeking urgent support for approval of the policy was circulated on 29 March 2023. This resulted in the following responses indicating support from Committee members:
- Jayne Sadgrove, Vice Chair and Chair of the Quality & Safety Committee;
 - Carolyn Donoghue, Independent Member;
 - James Hehir, Independent Member;
 - Dilys Jouvenat, Independent Member;
 - Patsy Roseblade, Independent Member.

3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Chairs Urgent Action was sought ahead of the Quality & Safety Committee due to the need to implement the policy as soon as possible.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Effective Care If more than one Healthcare Standard applies please list below:
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services.	No (Include further detail below)
	Not relevant to the ratification of Urgent Chair's Action



Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
Link to Strategic Goals	Sustaining our Future

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Quality & Safety Committee is asked to **ratify the approval** of the request for urgent Chair's action in relation to policy approval for the Policy for the Sensitive Disposal of Pregnancy Remains.