

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	CQC Maternity Services Report	
Open Report	For Information	
Wards Affected: ALL	Key Decision: No	
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Summary <p>The Care Quality Commission (CQC) carried out an unannounced inspection in June 2021 at Queens Hospital and King George Hospitals focusing their inspection on two specific areas; 'safe' and 'well lead.'</p> <p>The CQC published their report on 1st October 2021 and, whilst many areas of good practice were highlighted, the CQC expressed concern in regard to relations between senior staff and the divisional management team. The CQC also questioned the sustainability of improvements that had been made as key members of the midwifery team had left.</p> <p>As a result, the CQC downgraded BHRUT's rating for 'safe' and 'well lead' from 'Good' to 'Requires Improvement.'</p> <p>The Report highlights the issues the CQC raised and BHRUT's plans to address them.</p>		
Recommendations <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the report.</p>		
Reasons for report <p>BHRUT is committed to keeping all stakeholders informed of its plans and objectives and to invite comment and discussion on all aspects of its activities.</p>		