South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

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| **Paper No: SET/149/26** | |
| **Trust Board Meeting: 30 September 2026** | |
| **Public Agenda Item 4.1** | |

| **Title of Paper:** | **HSC Quality & Safety Summit** | | |
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| ~~**For Decision**~~ | **For Assurance** | ~~**For Information**~~ | ~~**For Discussion**~~ |

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| **1.0** | **Background:** |
| | This paper provides an update for Board Members following the HSC Quality & Safety Summit which was held on Tuesday 30 June 2026. |
| **2.0** | **Key Issues:** |
| | SEHSCT representatives were in attendance at the Summit when then Minister Nesbitt addressed delegates following the publication of the Reports by the Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) and Urology Services Inquiries.<br><br>The Minister of Health described the findings as a stark indictment of breakdowns in systems, oversight and culture adding they must be met with full accountability. The Minister made clear that recommendations from the Inquiries must be implemented with pace and commitment.<br><br>Attendees also heard about ongoing policy work intended to foster an open and learning culture including the Being Open Framework, Being Human Framework, incoming Duty of Candour legislation, the new Model Complaints Handling Procedure (MCHP) as well as newly established Patient Safety and Quality Committees by each HSC Trust.<br><br>Please find attached a copy of the Minister's letter to attendees dated 21 July 2026 as well as a summary of the discussions on the day (**SET/150/26**).<br><br>By way of further update, Minister Butler tabled a Written Statement to the NI Assembly on 23 September 2026 providing an update on Departmental progress in relation to the MAH Inquiry Report Recommendations. A copy of the Written Statement has been included with today's papers for your ease of reference. |
| **3.0** | **Link to Strategic Objectives:** |
| | Our People ☒<br>Population Health & Health Inequalities ☐<br>Delivering Care Closer to Home ☐<br>Hospital Care ☒<br>Safety, Quality and Experience of Care ☒ |
| **4.0** | **Resource Implications (inc Organisational, Financial, Human Resources):** |
| | 1. Organisational |
| | SEHSCT has now established a new Patient Safety and Quality Committee. Further changes are being considered to our Integrated Governance & Assurance |

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| | Framework (IGAF) to better align with Ministerial priorities. A further report will be brought to Trust Board in due course. |
| | 2. Financial |
| | Not applicable. |
| | 3. Human Resources |
| | Not applicable. |
| | 4. Environmental Factors Yes ☐ No ☒ |
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| **5.0** | **Impact on Safety, Quality and Experience (SQE):** |
| | 1. Safety |
| | The proposed actions arising from the Summit as set out in the summary report aim to establish an enhanced SQE culture. SEHSCT is committed to working with DoH and other HSC Trusts in order to deliver upon the recommendations. |
| | 2. Quality |
| | As noted above. |
| | 3. Experience |
| | As noted above, |
| **6.0** | **Key Risks and Proposals to Mitigate:** |
| | 1. Key Risks |
| | Delays in implementation of the recommendations which may affect timely learning and organisational assurance. |
| | 2. Proposals to Mitigate |
| | Continue monitoring, implementation and impact of recommendations. |
| **7.0** | **Risk Register:** |
| | It is listed on BAF? Yes ☐ No ☒<br>Is it listed on CRR? Yes ☐ No ☒ |

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| **Lead Director:** | **Professor Stephen Kirk, Medical Director** |
| **Date:** | **25 September 2026** |

## Reasons for Paper Presentation

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| ***Decision*** | *Used when an item requires a formal agreement or endorsement by the meeting / committee members. Examples are approving minutes, budgets, proposals or policies.* |
| ***Assurance*** | *Used when an item can be measured against a certain criteria / standard. Examples are a project is on course with delivery or financial targets are being met.* |
| ***Information*** | *Used when an item is presented for the purpose of updating or informing the attendees without requiring a decision or action, such as reports, updates, or announcements.* |
| ***Discussion*** | *Used when an item is listed primarily for open discussion, brainstorming or gathering input from the members without requiring an immediate decision.* |