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Date of Trust Board Meeting: 30th March 2022
Confidential or Public Agenda: Public
Agenda item: 7.8 Update: Muckamore Abbey Hospital Public Inquiry

1.0 Introduction

This paper is to provide Trust Board with an update regarding the Muckamore Abbey Hospital Public Inquiry.

2.0 Background information

- Sept 2020 – The Health Minister announced his intention to establish a Public Inquiry into abuse allegations at Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) under Section 5 of the Inquiries Act 2005
- Oct 2020 – The Inquiry is formally established
- Dec 2020 – Feb 2021 – Engagement with families via Patient Client Council to agree Terms of Reference
- June 2021 – Chair of the Inquiry announced and Inquiry Team established. (Tom Kark Q.C.)
- The scope of the Inquiry is between 1999 and 2021
- Dec 2021 – Inquiry Team solicitor wrote to each Trust CEO seeking information pertaining to records held by the Trusts that will assist the Inquiry

3.0 Brief summary of key points contained in the paper/s

- The 1999 – 2021 patient database has been provided by the MAH Inquiry Team and will be quality assured with SET records.
- The Trust has engaged with the Inquiry Team, DLS and the Regional Leads to ensure compliance with the Inquiry and to ensure required records are made available.
- The Trust will meet with the Inquiry Team in due course.
- As with other Trusts, an SET Inquiry Administration Team is being established to ensure due process is being followed regarding the sharing of information. As yet there is no confirmation of additional funding, although representation has been made to HSCB and DoH, regarding this matter.
- Requested files and records have been requested are currently being gathered across Adult Disability and Adult Safeguarding

Team, secure, dedicated accommodation has been identified to hold all information associated with the Inquiry.

4.0 Recommendation/s for the Trust Board (please state if the paper/s is for information/noting or for approval by Board members)

Paper is for noting

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Date 18.03.22

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