

## Freedom to Speak Up review tool for NHS trusts and foundation trusts July 2019

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Review Date – December 2021



## How to use this tool

This is a tool for the boards of NHS trusts and foundation trusts to accompany the <u>Guidance for boards on Freedom to Speak Up in NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts</u> (cross referred with page numbers in the tool) and the <u>Supplementary information on Freedom to Speak Up in NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts</u> (cross referred with section numbers).

We expect the executive lead for Freedom to Speak Up (FTSU) to use the guidance and this tool to help the board reflect on its current position and the improvement needed to meet the expectations of NHS England and NHS Improvement and the National Guardian's Office.

We hope boards will use this tool thoughtfully and not just as a tick box exercise. We also hope that it is done collaboratively among the board and also with key staff groups – why not ask people you know have spoken up in your organisation to share their thoughts on your assessment? Or your support staff who move around the trust most but can often be overlooked?

Ideally, the board should repeat this self-reflection exercise at regular intervals and in the spirit of transparency the review and any accompanying action plan should be discussed in the public part of the board meeting. The executive lead should take updates to the board at least every six months.

It is not appropriate for the FTSU Guardian to lead this work as the focus is on the behaviour of executives and the board as a whole. But getting the FTSU Guardian's views would be a useful way of testing the board's perception of itself. The board may also want to share the review and its accompanying action plan with wider interested stakeholders like its FTSU focus group (if it has one) or its various staff network groups.

We would love to see examples of FTSU strategies, communication plans, executive engagement plans, leadership programme content, innovative publicity ideas, board papers to add them to our Improvement Hub so that others can learn from them. Please send anything you would specifically like to flag to <a href="https://www.nhsi.ftsulearning@nhs.net">https://www.nhsi.ftsulearning@nhs.net</a>

NHSI are happy to support trusts on any aspect of the review process or the improvement work it reveals.

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|                                |   |                        |                | <ul> <li>of Nursing have been visible and present in the clinical services more recently following the initial response to the pandemic</li> <li>The organisation encourages an open culture of feedback reflected through complaints/compliments an Friends and Family programme</li> <li>Positive messaging through communications relate to feedback from 2019 staff survey highlighting the action taken to improve services and illustrate Trust response feedback</li> <li>Leadership behaviours for all - The introduction of specific model (CUBE) to facilitate giving and receiving feedback is included in the leadership behaviours programme to assist all staff across the workforce to challenge each other in a constructive and compassionate manner when appropriate behaviour is not displayed.</li> <li>All Executive and Non-Executive directors (NED) engagin NHSI/E appraisal scheme.</li> </ul> |
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| <ul> <li>The board can evidence their commitment to creating an open and honest culture by demonstrating:</li> <li>there are a named executive and non-executive leads responsible for speaking up</li> <li>speaking up and other cultural issues are included in the board development programme they welcome workers to speak about their experiences in person at board meetings</li> <li>the trust has a sustained and ongoing focus on the reduction of bullying, harassment and incivility</li> <li>there is a plan to monitor possible detriment to those who have spoken up and a robust process to review claims of detriment if they are made</li> <li>the trust continually invests in leadership development</li> </ul> | p6<br>Section 1<br>Section 2<br>Section 3 | Fully –<br>Dec 2021 | Dec 2022 | <ul> <li>Executive Lead and Non-executive lead both named in Trust policy including contact details and quarterly FTS up-date meetings take place with CEO, Chair, NED and FTSUG (Records available)</li> <li>Freedom to Speak Up review included as a reflection to and assurance mechanism as part of the comprehensive Trust board development programme in Dec 2021.</li> <li>Other aspects of the LPT culture work have been presented at Board Development sessions as an integring part of the Step Up to Great strategy. Work to improve our culture continues around 9 priorities (A Clear Vision Leadership, Valuing One Another, No Bullying, Blamefree Culture, Compassionate Policies, Meaningful Data Remove Silo Working and Supportive Appraisals). The development and use of the recently launched compassionate policies is an intrinsic aspect in creating 'Just and Learning' culture.</li> </ul> |
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| <ul> <li>the trust regularly evaluates how effective its<br/>FTSU Guardian and champion model is</li> <li>the trust invests in a sustained, creative and<br/>engaging communication strategy to tell positive<br/>stories about speaking up.</li> </ul> |   |                        |                | <ul> <li>at Trust board to support understanding and learning.</li> <li>FTSU Guardian is a member of the Anti-Bullying and Harassment Service (ABHS) help-line focus group although meetings have been paused currently as dat from the trust wide LiA event around B&amp;H is analysed and interpreted to develop future action planning and next steps phase of the No Bullying priority.</li> <li>Regular meetings between HR and FTSU guardian to ensure detriment is not experienced by staff after speaking up. Detriment can be reported by those who speak up directly or be observed by another party (NG guidelines)</li> <li>The Trust has a leadership and development framewor offer available for leaders and managers. This provid opportunities for leaders and managers. This provid opportunities for leadership growth through the Leadir Together – SL Forums (now open to Band 7 and about the line manager pathway and talent management</li> <li>A fundamental part of the 'Step Up to Great' strategy if the philosophy of collective leadership, and this is embedded through the Leadership Behaviours which further embedded in the messaging 'It starts with me'. This builds on the trust values introduced in the induct programme and highlighted in the Trust values video.</li> <li>Guardian report presented to SEB quarterly to provide update on themes and updates from National and loca feedback.</li> <li>The Audit and Assurance Committee evaluate the FT' and FTSU Champions model annually in line with the national requirements - NHS Audit Committees, Auditors and Regulators (5.7)</li> <li>Quarterly meetings are held with the CEO, Chair, NED and FTSUG to ensure there is a focus on key issues a includes updates on both national and local updates or learning.</li> <li>Quarterly forums with FTSU Champions to discuss rol issues, actions and associated business and provisior ongoing training and support as appropriate.</li> </ul> |

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|   |   |                        |                | <ul> <li>Quarterly Friends and Family Test survey to measure confidence in speaking up process.</li> <li>FTSU communication strategy includes monthly articles relating to FTSU matters in the staff newsletter and communications via social media platforms identifying positive messaging about speaking up as appropriate.</li> <li>Celebration of Speak Up month – October 2021 – Speak Up, Listen Up, Follow Up. Training modules available from HEE through local uLearn platform.</li> </ul> |   |
| Have a strategy to improve your FTSU culture  | Γ   | 1                      | T              |  |   |
| <ul> <li>The board can evidence it has a comprehensive and upto-date strategy to improve its FTSU culture. Evidence should demonstrate:</li> <li>as a minimum – the draft strategy was shared with key stakeholders</li> <li>the strategy has been discussed and agreed by the board</li> <li>the strategy is linked to or embedded within other relevant strategies</li> <li>the board is regularly updated by the executive lead on the progress against the strategy as a whole</li> <li>the executive lead oversees the regular evaluation of what the strategy has achieved using a range of qualitative and quantitative measures.</li> </ul> | P7<br>Section 4   | Partially -<br>2021    | Dec 2022       | in the LPT Step Up to Great strategy and Trust Vision -<br>OFOW engagement events included staff, service users,<br>volunteers and stakeholders who were consulted through<br>focus groups to identify 9 priority areas to help improve<br>the culture at LPT. Change Champions continue to<br>support the action plans relating to each priority linking<br>back into the key stakeholders and staff groups as<br>appropriate.  | CTION –<br>onsult with<br>oduce a co<br>rategy/actic<br>llture with p<br>ur pillars of<br>GO Strateg<br>021 and how<br>freshed Ste<br>ur People F |

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|   |   |                       |                | of FTSU within the trust.   |  |
|   |   |                       |                | <ul> <li>Annual review of LPT self-review document which is<br/>jointly prepared by the FTSUG, CEO and Board<br/>members as part of Board Development session.</li> <li>Evaluation methods</li> </ul>   |  |
|   |   |                       |                | <ul> <li>Monthly 1:1 meeting with CEO         <ul> <li>Quarterly Meetings with CEO, Chair, NED and FTSUG</li> <li>Quarterly data reports to NGO (includes numbel cases, open or anonymous reporting method, patient safety concern, bullying and harassment and staff group and feedback as to whether person would speak up again)</li> <li>National Staff Survey results</li> <li>FTSU index,</li> <li>FFT (Friends and Family Test)</li> <li>Model Hospital</li> <li>Feedback from uLearn - Local eLearning modul</li> <li>Individual feedback to FTSUG</li> <li>CQC staff focus groups</li> </ul> </li> <li>Making sure staff are empowered to speak up and ensuring that when they do, their concerns and contributions will be listened to is a recurring theme within the WE ARE THE NHS: People Plan. FTSUG is linking in with OD and HR colleagues to support this aspect of the LPT People Plan to ensure speaking up i business as usual and implicit across all aspects of the plan.</li> </ul> |  |
| Support your FTSU Guardian  |   |                       |                |   |  |
| <ul> <li>The executive team can evidence they actively support their FTSU Guardian. Evidence should demonstrate:</li> <li>they have carefully evaluated whether their Guardian/champions have enough ring-fenced time to carry out all aspects of their role effectively</li> </ul> | p7<br>Section 1<br>Section 2<br>Section 5   | Fully –<br>Dec 2021   | Dec 2022       | <ul> <li>FTSU Guardian works 0.9 WTE in the role and was appointed following a fair and open recruitment proces</li> <li>There are currently 25 FTSU Champions across the Trust each having received core training and ongoing development opportunities within the role. The</li> </ul>  |  |

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| <ul> <li>the Guardian has been given time and resource to complete training and development</li> <li>there are regular meetings between the Guardian and key executives as well as the non-executive lead.</li> <li>there is support available to enable the Guardian to reflect on the emotional aspects of their role</li> <li>individual executives have enabled the Guardian to escalate patient safety matters and to ensure that speaking up cases are progressed in a timely manner</li> <li>they have enabled the Guardian to have access to anonymised patient safety and employee relations data for triangulation purposes</li> <li>the Guardian is enabled to develop external relationships and attend National Guardian related events</li> </ul> |   |                                |  | <ul> <li>extend the reach of the FTSU messages within their circle of influence and assist colleagues to access support through appropriate signposting.</li> <li>There are regular meetings between the FTSUG and k executives – <ul> <li>Monthly 1:1 meetings between FTSU guardian and Executive lead</li> <li>Monthly 1:1 between FTSU guardian and Director of OD &amp; HR</li> <li>Quarterly meeting with CEO, Chair, NED and FTSU</li> </ul> </li> <li>Formal meetings provide an opportunity for reflection a additional support if requested. FTSU has access to other pastoral support such as AMICA, Chaplaincy and Occupational Health.</li> <li>The FTSUG is enabled to engage with Director of Nursing, Community Health Service, Families, Young People &amp; Children's Service and Learning Disability Service, Directorate for Mental Health and the Medical Director to escalate patient safety matters ensuring the cases are progressed in a timely manner when require opportunities to triangulate information and data to support early identification of potential 'hotspot' areas and support timely case progression when indicated.</li> <li>Attendance at Patient Safety Improvement Group, Patient experience meeting and EDI meeting provides opportunity to share information and access to anonymised data when requested.</li> <li>FTSUG is an active member of the Midlands FTSU network, attends the NGO quarterly meetings for networ Chairs and Trainers Group and provides 'buddy' support of FTSUG's in other primary care services including Defense Primary Healthcare (MOD) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Dental Committee (LDC) and Nottinghamshire MH Trust.</li> </ul> |  |

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| Be assured your FTSU culture is healthy and effective  | 1  |                     |                |  |   |  |
| <ul> <li>Evidence that you have a speaking up policy that reflects the minimum standards set out by NHS Improvement.</li> <li>Evidence should demonstrate: <ul> <li>that the policy is up to date and has been reviewed at least every two years</li> <li>reviews have been informed by feedback from workers who have spoken up, audits, quality assurance findings and gap analysis against recommendations from the National Guardian.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | ce that you have a speaking up policy that reflects<br>nimum standards set out by NHS Improvement.<br>ce should demonstrate:<br>that the policy is up to date and has been reviewed<br>at least every two years<br>reviews have been informed by feedback from<br>workers who have spoken up, audits, quality<br>assurance findings and gap analysis against |                     | Dec 2022       | <ul> <li>Freedom to Speak Up: Raising Concerns<br/>(Whistleblowing) policy updated in January 2019. This<br/>was circulated to the Senior Management Teams, Staff-<br/>side and adopted at the Workforce and Wellbeing Group</li> <li>NHS Improvement was expected to publish an updated<br/>policy template in early 2020. This is now expected in<br/>early 2021. It is recommended that the LPT policy be<br/>reviewed in Jan 2022 and then updated based on<br/>feedback from <ul> <li>FTSU Champions</li> <li>Staff who have spoken up</li> <li>Staff-side representatives</li> <li>HR colleagues</li> <li>Patient Safety Team</li> <li>Communications</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gap Analysis will be undertaken through presentation to<br/>Directorate governance teams through Patient Safety<br/>Improvement Group and Big Conversation to ensure<br/>learning from case reviews. (Commence December 2021<br/>– Blackpool Teaching Hospital Case review – October<br/>2021)</li> </ul> | ACTION –<br>At this time NGO & NHS I/E suggest<br>waiting for the revised policy template as<br>consultation was finalised in October<br>2021.<br>However, work is in progress to update<br>LPT policy to ensure this is reviewed in<br>line with internal review date and further<br>amendments can be made when<br>template is received.  |  |
| <ul> <li>Evidence that you receive assurance to demonstrate that the speaking up culture is healthy and effective. Evidence should demonstrate:</li> <li>you receive a variety of assurance</li> <li>you map and assess your assurance to ensure there are no gaps and you flex the amount of assurance you require to suit your current circumstance</li> <li>assurance in relation to FTSU is appropriately triangulated with assurance in relation to patient experience/safety and worker experience.</li> <li>you have gathered further assurance during times of change or when there has been a negative outcome of an investigation or inspection</li> </ul> | P15<br>Section 6   | Fully –<br>Dec 2021 | Dec 2022       | <ul> <li>Assurance is provided through a variety of means including reports received at         <ul> <li>Public Board meeting (six-monthly)</li> <li>Quality Assurance Committee (six-monthly)</li> <li>Audit Committee (annually)</li> <li>Strategic Executive Board (quarterly)</li> <li>Patient Safety Improvement Group (quarterly)</li> <li>These reports routinely include qualitative narrative on identified themes and trends and numeric data in respect of specific indicators required by NGO.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Board require that FTSU reporting is embedded within and mapped across the LPT Governance Framework</li> <li>Additional assurance is gleaned from         <ul> <li>Case figures reported to NGO (quarterly)</li> <li>Friends and Family Test</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | ACTION -<br>Case review to be completed<br>collaboratively with FTSUG from NHFT<br>to provide external assurance of systems<br>and process<br>ACTION –<br>To ensure speaking up culture is health<br>and effective staff are made aware of<br>their role in speaking up and how this will<br>create a more open and transparent<br>culture they will be supported to<br>undertake additional training which will<br>identify what to expect from the speaking<br>up process |  |

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| <ul> <li>you evaluate gaps in assurance and manage any<br/>risks identified, adding them to the trust's risk register<br/>where appropriate.</li> </ul>           |   |                        |                | <ul> <li>National Staff Survey</li> <li>Freedom to Speak Up Index</li> <li>Model Hospital</li> <li>CQC feedback and action plan</li> <li>Speaking Up is also an agenda item at the SEB, SWC and PSIG quarterly within the existing rotation where themes a trends are highlighted providing specific opportunities to input to subsequent planning and actions.(see examples below)</li> <li>Quality Summit – Bradgate Mental Health Unit – new model of working due to COVID</li> <li>Quality Summit – Mill Lodge – patient safety and staffin</li> <li>Quality summit – City Community Nursing – Pressure wound assessments/care</li> <li>Staff drop-in or engagement sessions have been held in specific areas that are experiencing change or pressures. Examples are BMHU, Beacon Unit and Agnes Unit</li> <li>FTSUG to share themes and highlight trends monthly providing opportunity to triangulate data with Patient Safety Team, Complaints and legal services. Regular meetings with Patient Experience Lead, Patient Safety Lead and Workforce and Wellbeing Group creating ongoing dialogue evaluate gaps in assurance to ensure potential risks are identified and added to the trusts risk register.</li> <li>Triangulation with People Team – hosted by OD and includes FTSU, H&amp;W Lead, HR and EDI.</li> </ul> |  |
| The board can evidence the Guardian attends board meetings, at least every six months, and presents a comprehensive report.                                       | P8<br>Section 7   | Fully –<br>Dec 2021    | Dec 2022       | The requirement for the presentation of the FTSU report is<br>acknowledged and agreed by the Board and is included in the<br>Governance Framework.<br>Board paper authored and presented at the public section of<br>Trust Board in person by the FTSU guardian in January, and<br>July 2021 as evidenced by Board minutes. FTSUG to attend<br>Board development session in December 2021 to prepare<br>evaluation with Board prior to presenting paper at Board<br>meeting Jan 2022.  |  |
| The board can evidence the FTSU Guardian role has<br>been implemented using a fair recruitment process in<br>accordance with the example job description (JD) and | Section 1<br>NGO JD   | Fully –<br>Dec 2021    | Dec 2022       | FTSU guardian was recruited through open recruitment proce<br>(January 2019) following 2 year secondment to role   |  |

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| nd<br>and | The FTSUG to work with Executive<br>Director of Nursing/AHP's & Quality and<br>Director of HR and OD to look at ways to<br>encourage staff to complete the national<br>Speak Up training through local learning<br>platform. |
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| other guidance published by the National Guardian.  |   |                     |                |   |   |  |
| The board can evidence they receive gap analysis in relation to guidance and reports from the National Guardian.  | Section 7   | Fully –<br>Dec 2021 | Dec 2022       | Most recent case review reports highlighted and embedded<br>within the FTSU Board and QAC reports – NGO updates<br>section.<br>Published case review reports discussed with relevant Directors<br>and Senior Managers to share learning and highlight best<br>practice. Further focus identified to appropriate work areas<br>where necessary for example Human Resources (HR), Equality,<br>Inclusion and Diversity (EDI).<br>Spreadsheet has been produced and held by FTSUG to record<br>findings, comments and recommendations from NGO case<br>reviews. This is to be used to identify LPT actions/response. | ACTION -<br>FTSUG will be sharing the most recent<br>NGO Case Review of Blackpool<br>Teaching Hospital with the directorate<br>governance representatives to ensure<br>specific learning is considered through<br>the Patient Safety Improvement Group.<br>In addition, the review will be discussed<br>in a big conversation to share the<br>recommendations provided in the report<br>to facilitate appropriate learning across<br>LPT and complete gap analysis.<br>Joined up working with NHFT on this<br>piece of work to support the big<br>conversation. |  |
| Be open and transparent<br>The trust can evidence how it has been open and  | P9  | Fully –             | Dec 2022       | FTSU Board report presented and discussed openly at   |   |  |
| <ul> <li>transparent in relation to concerns raised by its workers.</li> <li>Evidence should demonstrate: <ul> <li>discussion at the public board</li> <li>discussion with relevant oversight organisation</li> <li>discussion within relevant peer networks</li> <li>content in the trust's annual report</li> <li>content on the trust's intranet website</li> <li>welcoming engagement with the National<br/>Guardian and her staff</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   | Dec 2021            |                | <ul> <li>FTSUG was interviewed as part of the Well-led inspection during 2021 and provided documentary evidence as required. FTSU meetings can be arranged with CQC as and when requested with open access to local CQC inspector.</li> <li>Themes shared with staff side colleagues at the LPT and directorate Staff Partnership Forums (SRF)         <ul> <li>FTSUG attends all staff support network meetings liaising regularly with the chairs/lead advocates</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |   |  |

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|  |   |                        |                | <ul> <li>and works closely with the Equality, Diversity an Inclusion Team supporting listening events as appropriate</li> <li>Continue to maintain strong links with our local WRES Expert network (LPT does not currently have a WRES expert)</li> </ul>                                     |  |
|  |   |                        |                | <ul> <li>Content on FTSU is included in the trust's annual report<br/>and Quality Account</li> </ul>  |  |
|  |   |                        |                | • Dedicated page to Freedom to Speak Up on the staff<br>intranet eSource including links to stand alone<br>documents :- policy, leaflets, flowcharts, and 5 steps<br>approach information when responding to concerns   |  |
|  |   |                        |                | <ul> <li>FTSUG was invited by NGO to be a member of the<br/>stakeholder engagement panel during the recruitment<br/>process for the new National Guardian which took plac<br/>in October 2021 – National FTSU Guardian - Jayne<br/>Chidgey-Clarke (appointed November 2021)</li> </ul>        |  |
| Individual responsibilities  |   |                        |                |   |  |
| The chair, chief executive, executive lead for FTSU, Non-<br>executive lead for FTSU, HR/OD director, medical<br>director and director of nursing should evidence that they<br>have considered how they meet the various<br>responsibilities associated with their role as part of their | Section 1   | Fully –<br>Dec 2021    | Dec 2022       | Senior leaders comply with requirements of annual appraisal<br>identifying evidence to meet the various responsibilities<br>associated with their role including culture and leadership<br>behaviours as part of the revised appraisal expectations and<br>'Step Up to Great' strategic plan. |  |
| appraisal.   |   |                        |                | The CEO and Chair have received 360 feedback from the boa<br>and stakeholders as part of their appraisal.   |  |

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| I         | Recommendation from NGO & HEE for<br>all Board members to complete training   |
| l<br>bard | modules Speak Up & Listen Up for all<br>health workers. When Follow Up training<br>is available Board members are<br>encouraged to complete this as part of<br>their own CPD. |