

Trust Board Meeting: Tuesday, 12 February 2013
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Title	NHS Trust Oversight Self-Certification
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Status	For information and decision
History	Board papers 5 July 2012, 6 September 2012 and 1 November 2012, 9 January 2013

Board Lead	Mr Andrew Stevens, Director of Planning and Information			
Key purpose	Strategy	Assurance	Policy	Performance

Summary

1	The Trust's December NHS Trust Oversight Self-Certification return is attached.
2	The return for December 2012 shows a slight deterioration to an Amber-Green Governance Risk Rating. This is based on a dip in performance against the ED four hour wait standard. Consistent delivery of the majority of performance standards continues, however.
3	The Board is asked to note the December 2012 self-certification and to delegate authority to the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign off the self-certification for January 2013.

NHS Trust Oversight Self-Certification

Introduction

1. The Trust has now made its December 2012 submission of the self-certification template which is completed monthly by each NHS Trust. This is attached.

Current Status

2. The Trust's Governance Risk Rating (GRR) score of 1.0 for December gave an Amber-Green rating. (Lower GRR scores represent lower risk).
3. The one factor contributing to the GRR score for the month was non-compliance with the Emergency Department (ED) four hour wait standard. As reported in the Trust's Integrated Performance Report, achievement of the 95% ED standard continues to prove challenging in the context of winter pressures and levels of demand.
4. An action plan to meet access requirements for patients with learning disabilities is now well advanced, such that the Trust is able to report compliance with these standards in December, with further improvements to be made as the action plan progresses.
5. Following further guidance from the Strategic Health Authority the Trust is using a revised approach to the submission of cancer performance data. Previously, the preceding month's data were extrapolated prior to the availability of fully validated figures but, commencing with this submission, the Trust is using internally validated data for the relevant month. These data could be revised after national verification of any breaches shared with other trusts, potentially improving or impairing the Trust's reported performance after the deadline for self-certification has passed. On the basis of internally validated data all cancer standards were met during December.
6. Performance has again been maintained against both the MRSA and *Clostridium Difficile* cases trajectories and against both the admitted and non-admitted trust-wide referral to treatment (RTT) standards.
7. It should be noted that the Trust continues to be unable to confirm achievement of a minimum of Level 2 performance against the requirements of the Information Governance Toolkit under the Board Statements. This is due to the fewer than 95% of staff having received specific training in Information Governance. Actions are under way to try to meet this standard by the end of March.
8. The Trust's Financial Risk Rating (FRR) continues to score 3 which gives a Green rating. (The FRR scale is 1 to 5 with higher scores representing lower risk).

Conclusion

9. The December 2012 return shows a slight deterioration to an Amber-Green GRR based on a dip in performance against the ED four hour wait standard. Consistent delivery of the majority of performance standards continues, however.

Recommendation

10. The Board is asked to **note** the content of the self-certification return for December and to **delegate authority** to the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign off the submission of January 2013 data at the end of February as required by the SHA.

Neil Scotchmer, Programme Manager

31 January 2013