

Trust Board: Wednesday, 9 January 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

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

Summary

1	The Trust's November NHS Trust Oversight Self-Certification return is attached.
2	This continues to reflect a further improved position although with some risks to sustained performance. [note Green Governance Risk Rating for October and November]
3	The Board is asked to note the current content of the template.
4	The Board is requested to delegate authority to the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign off the December submission.

NHS Trust Oversight Self-Certification

Introduction

1. The Trust has now made its October and November submissions of the self-certification template which is completed on a monthly basis by all applicant FTs.
2. The return including November data is attached. The October submission is available on the Trust's website.

Current Status

3. The Trust's Governance Risk Rating (GRR) score of 0.5 for November gave a Green rating. (Lower GRR scores represent lower risk). The only contribution to the score for the month was non-compliance with access requirements for patients with learning disabilities.
4. An action plan to ensure that the standards in relation to patients with learning disabilities are delivered is now well advanced and the Trust anticipates being able to report full compliance with these standards for January.
5. It should be noted that the November rating includes extrapolated cancer performance data. As noted previously, the Trust has chosen not to submit potentially misleading unverified data on breaches of cancer waiting time standards prior to national verification being completed of breaches with other trusts. This means that each month's cancer wait performance is subject to subsequent correction once verified figures are available.
6. The October data submission gave a score of 2.5 (Amber/Red) for the GRR although this included an extrapolation from September cancer performance as validated data was not available. In fact the Trust delivered all cancer standards during October and its true GRR for the month was 0.5 (Green) as shown in the attached November submission.
7. Performance has again been maintained against the Emergency Department four hour wait standard and the *Clostridium Difficile* cases trajectory, both of which were failed in the first quarter of the year.. In addition the cancer 62-day wait standard, which was failed for the preceding quarter, was again achieved in October.
8. A risk to the GRR figure continues to be posed by data quality issues that prevent the Trust submitting current data for the incomplete RTT measure. This is being addressed through the EPR stabilisation project.
9. The Trust's Financial Risk Rating continues to score 3 which gives a Green RAG rating. (FRR scale is 1 to 5 with higher scores representing lower risk).
10. The Trust has now put in place arrangements to report the percentage of elective and non-elective patients screened for MRSA on admission and these figures are included in the Quality Sheet.

Conclusion

11. The current return reflects a further improved position delivering a green GRR although with some risks to performance being sustained.

Recommendations

12. The Board is asked to **note** the content of the self-certification return for November and the revised Green GRR rating for October 2012 following confirmation of validated cancer wait data for that month.
13. The Board is requested to **delegate authority** to the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign off the submission of December data at the end of January as required by the SHA.

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