

Trust Board Meeting: Wednesday, 13 March 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, 12 February 2013

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

Summary

1	The Trust's NHS Trust Oversight Self-Certification return for January 2013 is attached.
2	The current return continues to show an Amber-Green Governance Risk Rating. This is due to non-delivery of the Accident and Emergency four hour wait standard. All other standards that contribute to the Governance Risk Rating continue to be met.
3	The Board is asked to review and agree the current content of the self-certification.
4	The Board is requested to delegate authority to the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign off the February submission.

NHS Trust Oversight Self-Certification

Introduction

1. The Trust has now made its January submission of the self-certification template which is completed on a monthly basis by all applicant FTs and the return is attached.

Current Status

2. The Trust's Governance Risk Rating (GRR) score of 1.0 for January gave an Amber-Green rating. (Lower GRR scores represent lower risk).
3. The only contribution to the score for the month was non-compliance with the Emergency Department four hour wait standard. Achievement of this target continues to prove challenging in the context of emergency activity which has been above both the 2012/13 plan and the 2011/12 actual outturn.
4. In line with the revised approach to cancer performance data agreed for December's submission, the Trust is employing internally validated figures for the relevant month. These figures could be revised following national verification of any breaches shared with other trusts, but the national self-certification system does not allow retrospective changes to be made to the return. On the basis of the available data all standards were maintained during January, but internal validation of some data was not finalised at the point of submission.
5. 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.
6. The Quality sheet continues to show consistent performance against the majority of measures. However during January a "never event" relating to a retained swab in the Churchill theatres was identified. This incident has been reported to commissioners, the SHA and the CQC and an investigation initiated, as reported in a paper to the Quality Committee on 13 February. During January there were also five mixed sex accommodation breaches in the EAU (Emergency Assessment Unit) at the Horton General Hospital.
7. The Trust's Financial Risk Rating (FRR) score remains 3 which gives a Green rating. (FRR scale is 1 to 5 with higher scores representing lower risk.)

Conclusion

8. The current return shows an Amber-Green GRR as for December, again driven by performance against the A&E four hour wait standard. Consistent delivery of the majority of performance standards continues, however.

Recommendations

9. The Board is asked to **review and agree** the content of the self-certification return for January.

10. The Board is requested to **delegate authority** to the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign off the submission of February data at the end of March as required by the SHA.

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