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# LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE AT THEIR MOST VULNERABLE

#### 1.1 STATEMENT ON QUALITY FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



At Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust we remain committed to delivering good clinical outcomes and a high standard of patient experience both in our hospitals and in the community. Thanks to the dedication and professionalism of our staff, volunteers and partners we have a strong track

record in this area. We are never complacent and continually look to adopt best practice, drive innovation and most importantly learn and improve when we do not meet the high standards we have set for ourselves.

This drive for improvement is embodied within the Trust's Corporate Strategy 'Making a Difference'. The strategy outlines five overarching aims:

- Deliver the best clinical outcomes
- Provide patient centred services
- Employ caring and cared for staff
- Spend public money wisely
- Deliver excellent research, education and innovation.

The corporate strategy is supported by a Quality Strategy and Governance Framework.

In summary our priority is to do all we can to continually implement quality improvement initiatives that further enhance the safety, experience and clinical outcomes for all our patients.

However, the NHS nationally is currently operating within a very tough financial climate and our Trust is also seeing unprecedented increases in demand for both emergency and planned care. This was evident in the most extreme sense during last winter when we saw record numbers of patients who needed emergency care and admission to hospital.

With the support of our staff and partners we are addressing these financial and demand challenges by adopting new ways of working, forging partnerships with other health and social care providers and continuing to engage our staff by actively pursuing a culture of innovation and involvement. As a consequence, I am pleased to report that Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has continued to perform very well in 2014/15 and has made good progress against our quality priorities for last year.

It was exceptionally pleasing that national and local survey results during 2014/15 consistently showed that the majority of our patients and staff would recommend our Trust as a place to receive care and to work. We are keen to learn where there are further opportunities to improve and the Friends and Family Test for patients and our staff is a valuable insight into where our future focus needs to be. Our quality priorities for 2015/16 have reflected

this feedback along with views from our partners and regulators.

A few of our successes this year include the further integration of hospital, community and social care services to ensure our patients receive timely, seamless care and that wherever possible individuals are supported to live independently at home rather than be hospitalised. This work has been recognised as 'best practice' by both the Kings Fund and Health Foundation. During 2014/15 the integration developed further when the Directorate of Geriatric and Stroke Medicine (GSM) and Primary and Community Services Cares Group came together formally into one combined Directorate. This is enabling the excellent transformation work which has started to flourish further and embed as routine practice.

To further support this drive to work differently right across the organisation, during 2014/15, the Trust agreed to invest more than £35million in a five year technology transformation programme which will provide the opportunity to change the way we deliver care both within the hospital and also in people's own homes and communities.

This five year programme will also enable the organisation to become paper light and support the work underway to develop integrated care teams and new models of care. The programme will oversee the implementation of three major systems; an electronic patient record, an electronic document management system, and a clinical portal. This will provide clinicians with the information they need, at all times and in all locations. It will further improve patient safety and our communication with patients, increase operational effectiveness by releasing more time to care, as well as supporting clinical practice and research. The first phase of 'go live' will be in the autumn of 2015.

It is recognised that an important clinical quality indicator is the mortality rate after surgery and for many years I am pleased to report that we have had a consistently 'lower or as expected' mortality rate. This is testament to the skill and care of our teams.

During 2014/15 we also continued to review weekend mortality rates. Our Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio for weekday and weekend emergency admissions is also both 'within expected range'. However, given the importance of mortality rates and continual monitoring to ensure that any variance can be spotted quickly and acted upon, it has been agreed that this will again be a priority for improvement for 2015/16.

We consider rigorous infection control and clean facilities to be fundamental to our care standards. We continue to work hard to minimise the chances of patients acquiring other hospital acquired infections such as Norovirus and MRSA.

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Other priority areas include ensuring waiting times are kept as low as possible. We also want to make sure our waiting times processes and procedures are robust and enable our patients to receive swift and appropriate treatment. The average waiting time for care at the Trust is eight weeks or less and all the cancer treatment waiting time standards are consistently met.

However, during recent years, growing numbers of patients and their doctors are choosing Sheffield Teaching Hospitals for their care and this has resulted in a significant increase in referrals for non-urgent care. This has, in turn, made meeting the 18 week waiting standard much more challenging. The Trust has recognised this and has developed a robust action plan which has already resulted in significant improvements. In 2014/15 all of the national 18 week waiting standards were met with the exception of one (admitted to hospital patients) which is continuing to improve and is just below the national standard.

During 2015/16 we are also reviewing the way we deliver urgent care not just within our own organisation but across the city's health and social care system. This will enable us to re-model how care is provided to meet the increasing demand we are now seeing routinely both in A&E and Primary Care. We are committed to ensuring we continue to provide safe, high quality emergency care within the national expected waiting time standards. During the winter of 2014 this was not consistently achieved due to exceptional levels of demand albeit on average we did treat 92.7% of patients within 4 hours. The national standard is 95%. The efforts of our staff to ensure patients received safe care was exceptional and the majority of patients were still seen within 4 hours or less from arrival at the Accident and Emergency Department. However on one particular weekend in January the whole NHS saw demand beyond anything it had seen before and this also had an impact in Sheffield. Regrettably during this weekend we had four 12-hour wait breaches. This was the first time this had happened at the Trust since the introduction of the targets in 2004. A thorough clinical review was undertaken and none of the patients came to any harm. The patients were kept safe and comfortable, with staff monitoring them, whilst every effort was made to move the patients to an appropriate ward as soon as possible. In response to the demand experienced during winter 2014 a formal review of working arrangements within the Accident and Emergency Department and in other assessment and inpatient areas at the Trust has been initiated, and the findings of this process will inform changes in working practice designed to improve system resilience for the winter of 2015/16.

Another significant national development which our Trust has responded to promptly is the development of a new pathway for End of Life Care. The Liverpool Care Pathway was withdrawn nationally during 2014 and consequently the Sheffield End of Life Care Pathway

was also withdrawn from use. New guidance for the care of the dying person has been produced, lead by the Specialist Palliative Care Team. This is to be piloted, along with specific nursing care guidelines produced in parallel before rolling out throughout the Trust during 2015/16. It is hoped that this will improve the communication around dying and lead to better care, patient and carer experience. An End of Life Strategy Group has also been formed, to support work being undertaken throughout the Trust - 8 specific projects are being undertaken and collaboration between interested parties in several departments is joining up the processes in place for care of the dying.

Further information about other improvements and developments in the quality of care and patient experience during 2014/15 can also be found in the Annual Report and on our website: www.sth.nhs.uk/news.

Of course none of these improvements are possible without the fantastic support of everyone who works for the Trust. Our key asset is our staff and their dedication and commitment is a source of great strength for the Trust. During the last 12 months have continued to encourage more of our staff to be actively engaged and involved in decisions, setting the future direction of the organisation and innovations. This has been well received and is reflected in a significant improvement to the Trust's staff engagement score in the national staff survey. We are now one of the top 20% of NHS Trusts with the highest staff engagement results. We are committed to continuing this important work during 2015/26 because we believe our staff are the key to the delivery of excellent patient care.

Indeed during 2014/15, improvements and innovations in patient safety and care developed by our staff saw the Trust win the highest number of independently judged awards including being shortlisted for seven HSJ Patient Safety and Care awards.

The following pages detail our progress so far and outline our key priorities for the coming year. Across the entire organisation, a culture of learning and continual improvement will continue to be encouraged and I am in no doubt that this will lead to further developments which result in the delivery of high quality patient care for 2015/16.

To the best of my knowledge the information contained in this quality report is accurate.

Sir Andrew Cash OBE

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**Chief Executive** 20 May 2015

#### 1.2 INTRODUCTION FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR



Quality Reports enable NHS Foundation Trusts to be held to account by the public, as well as providing useful information for current and future patients. This Quality Report is an attempt to convey an honest, open and accurate assessment of the quality of care patients received during 2014/15.

Whilst it is impossible to include information about every service the Trust provides in this type of document, it is nevertheless our hope that the report goes some way to reassure our patients and the public of our commitment to deliver safe, effective and high quality care.

The Quality Report Steering Group oversees the production of the Quality Report. The membership includes Trust managers, clinicians, Trust Governors, and a representative from Healthwatch Sheffield. The remit of the steering group is to decide on the content of the Quality Report and identify the Trust's quality improvement priorities whilst ensuring it meets the regulatory standards set out by the Department of Health and Monitor, the Independent Regulator for Foundation Trusts.

As a Trust we have consulted widely on which quality improvement priorities we should adopt for 2015/16. As with previous Quality Reports, the quality improvement priorities have been developed in collaboration with representatives from NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Healthwatch Sheffield and the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.

In developing this year's Quality Report we have taken into account the comments and opinions of internal and external parties on the 2013/14 Report. The proposed quality improvement priorities for 2015/16 were agreed by the Healthcare Governance Committee, on behalf of the Trust's Board of Directors, on 23rd March 2015. The final draft of the Quality Report was sent to external partner organisations for comments in March 2015 in readiness for the publishing deadline of the 28th May 2015.

Dr David Throssell

**Medical Director** 

### 2.1 PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT 2012/13, 2013/14 AND 2014/15

## 2.1 Priorities for Improvement 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15

Our 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 priorities are summarised below and explained further in this section.

Key	Key		▼ Behind schedule		
			2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
	Optimise length of stay (see 2.2.1)		•	•	•
2012/13 Objectives	Discharge letters for GPs (see 2.2.2)		=		
	Giving patients a voice - Make it easier to communicate with the organisation (see 2.2.3)				
2012/	Review mortality rates at the week	<b>cend</b> (see 2.2.4)			
	Improve Dementia awareness (see 2.2.5)				
	Cancelled operations (see 2.3.1) Reduce the number of operations canc	celled on the day of surgery	New for 2013/14	•	•
2013/14 Objectives	Pressure ulcers (see 2.3.2) Reduce the prevalence of Grade 2, 3 and 4 pressure ulcers reported within the Trust acute and community based services, including both ulcers acquired whilst receiving Trust care and community-acquired pressure ulcers.		New for 2013/14	•	•
	Improve discharge information for patients (see 2.3.3) Improve the provision of discharge information for patients by auditing the information provided and available for patients against Trust wide standards.		New for 2013/14	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
2014/15 Objectives	To ensure every hospital inpatient consultant responsible for their car and the name of the nurse respons (see 2.4.1)	re during their inpatient stay	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	•
	To improve complainant satisfaction (see 2.4.2)	on with the complaints process	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	
	To review mortality rates at the we improvement activity where neces		New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	=
	To review the impact of waiting tir (specifically patients waiting over (see 2.4.4)		New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	<b>A</b>

#### 2.2 Objectives 2012/13

#### 2.2.1 Optimise Length of Stay (LoS)

The Trust has been developing its arrangements to drive forward the overall length of stay work. Weekly admission, discharge and ward based length of stay information is now sent routinely to Nurse Directors and Operations Directors for distribution to their teams for action and improvement. A thorough assessment of specialty length of stay has also been developed.

Improvement projects such as developing additional ambulatory pathways are underway. The Improving Flow and Reducing Length of Stay Steering Group, led by the Director of Strategy and Operations Steering Group, is overseeing this work. A number of Directorates and teams are being supported by Service Improvement to improve patient flow and non-elective pathways, with added Service Improvement resource focused in this area. Improving ward processes will be a major focus for 2015. The introduction of Ward Collaborative will be bringing together wards which aim to make and share improvements in this regard.

The Clinical Operations team are working with Matrons and Ward Managers to better utilise the expected date of discharge and focus on earlier discharges both in terms of length of stay and time of day. Patients with a greater than expected length of stay are reviewed and action taken to resolve any unnecessary delays. Daily and weekly reviews of patients who are medically fit for discharge and regular monitoring of medical outliers (where the patient is in a speciality bed which is different

from their current condition) also takes place. Detailed admission, discharge and bed occupancy reports are also available to Directorate Management Teams to allow them to focus resources in the most appropriate areas. Through a review of the recent busy winter period, it is expected further learning will emerge to inform future operational plans to streamline existing pathways that will in turn support a reduced length of stay.

The Trust works with partners, as part of the Right First Time City Wide Health and Social Care Partnership to improve patient flow across the health economy. The integration of Community Services, Professional Services, Palliative Care and Geriatric and Stroke Medicine Directorates has enabled the development of detailed actions plans to help develop seamless pathways for older people thereby supporting efforts to reduce hospital length of stay.

Reducing unnecessary hospitalisation for patients, through focusing on length of stay, represents an opportunity to improve quality and patient experience. Significant work has been done to understand the current situation and progress at specialty level. Analysis has been undertaken for each specialty to track performance against Dr Foster data for case-mix adjusted length of stay. The table below outlines the potential bed gains if key specialties non-elective lengths of stay were at national case-mix adjusted average. The data covers the period November 2013 to October 2014.

Specialty of Discharge (Non-Elective only)	Inpatient Spells	Expected Length of Stay (Days)	Observed Length of Stay (Days)	Difference	% of potential bed gain
Geriatric Medicine	6128	11.5	16.5	5.1	57.3
Respiratory Medicine	6248	7.6	8	0.5	5.7
Nephrology	1183	7.2	9	1.9	4.1
Gastroenterology	3102	6	6.7	0.7	4
Diabetic Medicine	2047	8.4	9.3	0.9	3.4
Trauma & Orthopaedics	3201	9.4	9.8	0.5	2.9
Colorectal Surgery	2971	4.5	5	0.5	2.7

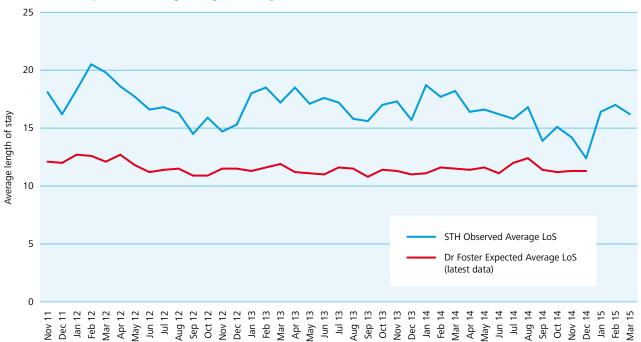
N.B: Small volume specialties and volumes where Dr Foster speciality classification has changed has been removed from the above chart (i.e. Cardiac)

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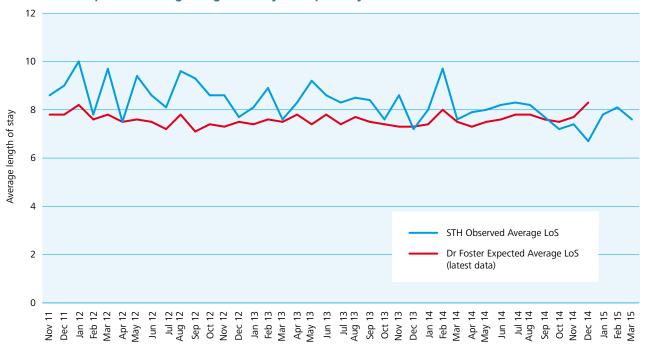
The underlying performance has been analysed on a time series basis for each specialty to show overall trend against expected average length of stay. This is crucial to understanding the true position, as the two charts below demonstrate with both Geriatric and Stroke Medicine (GSM) and Respiratory Medicine. Both these areas are now showing an improvement.

Analysis has shown that concentration on a relatively small number of areas will deliver the majority of the improvements. It has been agreed to focus on the 'high opportunity' areas for 2015/16 with governance overseen through the Chief Executive Officer's Programme Management Office and the Steering Group.

#### Observed v Expected average length of stay - GSM non-elective



#### Observed v Expected average length of stay - Respiratory Medicine non-elective



#### 2.2.2 Discharge Letters for GPs

The use of e-discharge summaries for inpatients, including day cases, is now fully embedded within the Trust and GP practices. E-discharge summaries enable clinicians to complete an electronic discharge template. The benefits of this have been seen through providing clear and consistent information on discharge, with mandatory reporting fields ensuring information, such as follow up actions for GPs, are always included. In addition the speed of access to the information has improved with over 90% available within 48 hours.

#### 2.2.3 Giving Patients a Voice

During 2014/15, 9,103 'Frequent Feedback' surveys were completed, this compared with 6,819 during 2013/14. 'Frequent Feedback' surveys were introduced into Community Services in January 2015 to allow more patients the opportunity to share with us their comments about the care the Trust provided.

We have continued to use the Friends and Family Test (FFT) in Accident and Emergency, Inpatient and Maternity services during 2014/15. In October 2014 we rolled out the Friends and Family Test to Outpatient and Day Case Services. The roll-out to Community Services was completed in January 2015, achieving early implementation to all services provided by the Trust.

## 2.2.4 Review Mortality Rates at the Weekend

The Trust has continued to review weekend mortality during 2014/15 as part of the 2014/15 objective for improvement. Please see 2.4.3 for further information.

#### 2.2.5 Improve Dementia Awareness

The Trust is dedicated to improving dementia awareness with our staff and meeting the needs of patients and carers with this condition. The 'All About Me Booklet', which describes the patient's preferences, needs and routines, was launched during Dementia Awareness week in May 2014. The booklet is available to patients on all wards, with particular focus on those wards where dementia is most prevalent. Work is underway to maximise access to the booklets for carers and patients.

The Trust now has a Dementia Training Needs Analysis and Strategy which provides information on the many opportunities for training from e-learning to Masters Courses which are run by the University of Sheffield. Training is given to all new Trust staff on Central Induction and all volunteers. Training numbers for the Trust continue to increase.

A Dementia Champion Network has been developed across the Trust during 2014/15. In 2015/16 all clinical areas that have a Dementia Champion, provide supportive literature in the format of 'All About Me'

leaflets and can demonstrate that staff are committed to being dementia friendly will be accredited.

The first stage of the improvement scheme on Vickers 4, at the Northern General Hospital, has been completed and will continue throughout 2015/16.

#### 2.3 Objectives 2013/14

#### 2.3.1 Cancelled Operations

In 2014/15, 6.6% of planned operations were cancelled on the day of surgery due to clinical and non-clinical reasons. Although we are still short of our target to reduce this figure to 4%, the percentage of cancellations is decreasing year on year.

Year	Cancelled operations for clinical and non-clinical reasons	Total planned operations	% on day cancellation rate
2012/13	2394	34,364	7%
2013/14	2392	35,762	6.7%
2014/15	2420	36,274	6.6%

Data source: ORMIS Theatre System

The five main reasons for cancellations at the Trust remained the same during 2014/15 as they were for 2012/13 and 2013/14. These were:

- patient unfit hospital decision: patients arriving with an infection, or having results of standard tests outside of expected ranges (e.g. high blood pressure)
- patient did not attend the patient did not arrive for the scheduled appointment
- operation not required symptoms that have improved or disappeared
- patient cancelled or refused treatment patients changing their mind, or unable to attend the scheduled date for surgery
- lack of theatre time previous cases on the list taking longer than expected; changes to the order of a list resulting in (or as a result of) delays

Throughout 2014/15, work continued to reduce the number of operations cancelled on the day. Orthopaedics and General Surgery now use a checklist three days before the date of admission, to confirm that a patient is fit, willing and able to attend for surgery as planned. Work is ongoing with all elective specialties to cascade the introduction of the checklist.

For 2015/16 a process where the Operating Theatre Patient Flow Co-ordinators work with Directorate teams.

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to understand and help resolve the root cause of the cancellations, will be developed.

A working group has been established to look at all aspects of the scheduling process, from when a patient is added to a waiting list through to when they attend for surgery. The purpose of this group is to gather information about existing processes across the Trust, share good practice between clinical Directorates and where possible standardise practice. Work has begun on standardising patient letters and waiting list documentation. The working group is currently considering different ways of communicating with patients, for example, through text or email reminders. A patient information campaign will be launched during 2015/16.

The challenge of reducing the on the day cancellation rate remains and will continue to be a priority for the Trust during 2015/16.

#### 2.3.2 Pressure Ulcers

In order to try to reduce the prevalence of pressure ulcers to 5% further work within the acute service is progressing. This includes the identification of patients at risk of developing a pressure ulcer, early intervention by the Pressure Ulcer Prevention Team, and targeted work with clinical areas. As can be seen from the figures below prevalence of pressure ulcers has increased during 2014/15.

#### **Performance figures**

Monthly survey data for the period	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Proportion with pressure ulcers acquired whilst receiving care from the Trust	1.77%	1.41%	1.79%
Proportion with pressure ulcers prior to receiving care from the Trust (Inherited)	4.18%	4.31%	4.36%
Overall proportion	5.98%	5.72%	6.15%

In November 2014 the 'Time to Turn' awareness campaign launched. This coincided with the launch of a Pressure Care Patient Information leaflet, the development of staff educational resources and changes to nursing care records to promote accurate documentation of skin condition. This has helped increase the profile and activities of the acute Tissue Viability Team.

There has been significant recruitment to the acute Tissue Viability Team since April 2014 and a permanent team has now been established incorporating the Pressure Ulcer Prevention Team. The team assess patients daily for their risk of developing pressure ulcers and target areas of high prevalence, instigating early pressure ulcer prevention. The acute team will be working on a number of key initiatives during 2015/16, aiming to develop, review or evaluate current services and practice in order to provide more effective, efficient care delivery and reduce pressure ulcer prevalence. This includes high pressure ulcer prevalence areas having 'on the spot' teaching programme for nurses and clinical support workers.

The acute team are also actively involved in the Total Bed Management project, which will see the Trust replace all its existing beds during 2016/17. The team have provided expert advice to inform the project, including outlining the specific requirements for beds and mattresses for patients to promote comfort and to reduce the incidence of pressure ulcers.

A wound survey undertaken in the community during 2013 identified that 20% (206/1027) of the population surveyed at that time had pressure ulcers, with over 36% of the pressure ulcers present for over six months. This prompted further in-depth data collection of pressure ulcers in one of the community teams. Information from this survey has informed training and communication programmes and a community wound survey was conducted in December 2014 to coincide with Safety Thermometer week. Full analysis of data is not complete but interim results suggest a reduction in overall numbers of pressure ulcers from 206 to 156.

#### **Wound Survey - Community**

	2013	2014*
Grade 1	50	25
Grade 2	104	84
Grade 3	31	39
Grade 4	13	13

<sup>\*</sup>Interim results

The interim results show a reduction in both Grade 1 and Grade 2 pressure ulcers which would suggest that preventative strategies are working. The results also indicate that more work is required to improve the prevention of pressure ulcer deterioration, which will be addressed as part of an upcoming 'React to Red' campaign. Further analysis of the data will provide details of pressure ulcer deterioration whilst receiving care from the community nurses, including inherited pressure ulcers.

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To support data capture further refinements have been made to the electronic wound template to allow recording of pressure ulcer grades and place of referral. Also most nurses now have cameras allowing images to be taken of wounds at first visit, which can be stored in the electronic record (with appropriate patient consent).

The Community Services Care Group holds a monthly Pressure Ulcer Care Group meeting, which feeds into the Trust wide Steering Group and is also supported by a Regional Task Group for pressure ulcer prevention.

2015/16 will see the ongoing development of the Pressure Ulcer Champions with key roles and responsibilities. This will help to continue the work on training and documentation. Ongoing work with intermediate care teams will also continue to enable earlier identification of pressure ulcer risk and prevention.

## 2.3.3 Improve discharge information for patients

During 2014/15 work has continued on a project to ensure that hospital discharge leaflets are improved.

This has involved checking that details about what danger signs to look out for and who to contact are both covered.

Of the 1,722 leaflets that the Trust has, 1,518 have now been checked and revised bringing the total to 88% since May 2013. Discharge information is now routinely checked in all leaflets before publication. As all leaflets are checked on a two year rolling basis, the work to check existing leaflets for discharge information is on track to be completed by the summer of 2015.

Audit work originally identified two departments where discharge information could be more effective (Emergency Department and Urology Department). Both departments have received support to make improvements to their discharge information and have now updated and republished their leaflets. As with other Trust leaflets these are now routinely updated every two years.

In September 2014 a project group was set up to review the information provision for patients having surgery. This has already resulted in improvements in discharge information from the Theatre Admissions Unit. The group is now looking at establishing and rolling out a recommended information pathway encompassing the whole patient journey.

In addition to this work, on-line access to patient information was made available in May 2014. Patients can now download over 2,800 leaflets from the Trusts website, 1,480 of which are Trust leaflets. New or revised leaflets are automatically uploaded to the website each day ensuring patients can access the most up to date resources for their condition.

#### 2.4 Objectives 2014/15

# 2.4.1 To ensure every hospital inpatient knows the name of the consultant responsible for their care during their inpatient stay and the name of the nurse responsible for their care at that time

A recommendation from the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry report and the Government's formal response Hard Truths was that every hospital patient should have the name of their consultant and the nurse responsible for their care above the bed. In order to explore the possibilities two focus groups were held comprising a representative group of nursing staff from Care Groups across the Trust.

The focus groups were mindful that the information must be accessible and visible for patients and therefore selected the use of tent boards. These are free standing and can be placed on a patients table or bedside locker to ensure the patient can see the information displayed. The tent boards also have space on the back for staff to write "what matters to the patient today" with the aim of enabling communication and meeting the patient's specific needs.



A trial of tent boards was undertaken on a GSM ward during October 2014 and evaluated well by both patients and staff. A decision was taken to introduce their use across the hospital.

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An education and awareness campaign started in October 2014 using a cascade training approach to introduce the use of tent boards in all areas. Leads and Educators from each Care Group coordinated the training, based on a common training plan, in their respective areas supported by staff from the Learning and Development Department.

The launch has been delayed until April 2015 due to a delay in obtaining the tent boards. Following the launch feedback will be gathered from both patients and staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the boards. To monitor the use of tent boards Matrons will be doing spot-checks to check that they are in use and that the information written on them is appropriate. This will continue to be a priority for the Trust during 2015/16.

## 2.4.2 To improve complainant satisfaction with the complaints process

From April 2014, the Trust, along with twenty two other trusts, participated in the Patients Association Complainant Satisfaction Survey. All complainants whose complaint was considered to be closed were invited to participate in the survey. At the end of January 2015 the Patients Association had received 1,010 responses to the survey, 164 for the Trust.

The most recent survey shows that the Trust scores are similar to other trusts. In relation to the four key performance indicators, scores have been benchmarked and baseline measures have been established as follows:

Key performance indicators	All participating trusts	STH
% respondents who feel their complaint against the Trust has been resolved	50%	48%
% who feel their complaint was handled 'very well'	9%	8%
% who feel their complaint was dealt with 'quickly enough'	29%	36%
% who were 'very satisfied' with the final response	7%	8%

In addition to this the Trust undertook a detailed review of the quality of our responses to complaints. The review involved a paper-based audit of a sample of 56 complaint response letters along with face to face interviews with 13 complainants.

The Trust scored well in the paper-based audit, including offering complainants the opportunity to meet and discuss their concerns, and offering an apology where appropriate. Areas identified for improving the complaint response letters include explaining specialist or technical terminology and also providing an explanation of the next steps following the complaint and any changes made.

In the interviews, the issues commented on positively included helpfulness of the member of staff dealing with the complaint and the comprehensiveness of the response. Issues causing most dissatisfaction included delayed responses and failure to keep complainants updated on progress.

A detailed action plan has now been agreed that involves significant changes to the complaints process. Changes include a new process to 'fast track' issues that we are able to resolve quickly. The new process sees the introduction of a tiered timescale for responding to complaints. This approach aims to ensure complaints are responded to in a timescale proportionate to the complexity of the complaint. The changes will be supported by a comprehensive training programme for staff. This will include skills based training such as investigation and letter writing skills.

The proposed changes are wide ranging and implementation of the action plan has required careful planning and consultation. It has therefore not been possible to implement the action plan during 2014/15; however the changes are to be piloted in the Urology and General Surgery Directorates for six months from April 2015. As part of the pilot, targets to improve scores across a range of measures, including the four indicators in the table, will be agreed. An evaluation report will be provided in October 2015 which will include details of performance against improvement targets.

## 2.4.3 To review Mortality rates at the weekend and to focus improvement activity where necessary

Many reports between 2001 and 2012 have identified differences in mortality rates for patients admitted acutely at the weekends as opposed to the weekday. This has been called the "weekend effect". A recent analysis of data from 2012-2013 performed by the University of Birmingham continued to show that this was the case in the majority of UK hospitals.

In view of these observations and in order to correct any differences the Trust has continued to review mortality by day of the week during 2014/15, finding that our Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio for all admission for each day of the week, including Saturdays and Sundays,

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is 'as expected' when compared to the national average. In addition, in March 2015, the CQC included data on emergency weekend and emergency weekday Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio in their Hospital Intelligent Mortality Report (using Dr Foster mortality data for July 2013 to June 2014). Both these metrics were 'within expected range' for the Trust.

During 2014/15 70 Consultants and 14 Specialist registrars have received training, led by Professor Allan Hutchinson from the Improvement Academy which is part of the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network. This training covered how to undertake a structured mortality review. This was half a day session focusing on the need for a standardised systematic review of mortality. The tool used, pulls together opinion based methods with a standard format that requires judgements to be made regarding phases of care, to make explicit comments about care in each phase and to score each phase.

Staff trained in the above tool have undertaken a weekend mortality review of a sample of 67 case notes. The sample consisted of 44 patients who were admitted and died in the following 7 days of admission and 23 patients who were admitted and died at the weekend. Analysis and interpretation of the findings to establish if any lessons can be learnt is still to be completed. Depending on these findings, the Trust will establish improvement work streams to address any areas for improvement.

The review of mortality rates at the weekend will remain a priority for the Trust for 2015/16 and will be reported in next year's Quality Report.

## 2.4.4 To review the impact of waiting times on the patient experience (specifically patients waiting over 18 weeks for treatment)

The national 18 week wait target specifies that the length of time between the patient's first referral and their treatment should be no longer than 18 weeks. Whilst the Trust has initiatives and strategies in place to effectively manage waiting lists and waiting times, there has been a slight fall in overall performance from 2012/13 to 2013/14, as reported in the Annual Quality Report 2013/14.

Waiting for an appointment or treatment can be stressful for the patient and their carers and may significantly impact on the overall patient experience. During 2014/15 2,670 patients had to wait over 18 weeks for treatment. A survey was designed to better understand the personal experience of patients who had waited over 18 weeks for their admission or treatment.

The survey asked patients five questions about their health whilst waiting with the following aims:

- To review the impact of waiting times on the patient experience
- To explore ways of improving the experience during the wait

Patients were selected from a wide range of specialties as the patient experience of waiting for different procedures can be very different in terms of pain or anxiety levels. 119 randomly selected patients over the age of 16 years were contacted with a covering letter and a survey.

Survey responses were anonymous, however patients who were happy to be telephoned for a more detailed interview were asked to provide their name and telephone number. 34 (28.6%) patients responded to the survey and the following summarises the results:

#### Whilst waiting:

- their mobility had deteriorated 10 patients (29%)
- their ability to care for themselves had deteriorated -5 patients (15%)
- their ability to perform usual activities deteriorated -13 patients (38%)
- their pain or discomfort increased 19 patients (56%)
- they became more anxious and/or depressed -19 patients (56%)

Patients were also given the opportunity to comment and many commented positively about their experience once they had been admitted. Others commented negatively about the impact of waiting and its effect on their health and their social, family or work life. Those surveyed who indicated that waiting had a negative effect on aspects of their health and wellbeing were from Spinal, Surgical, Gynaecology and Ophthalmic services. Financial difficulties were also indicated by those waiting for Spinal and Ophthalmic services.

To improve communication the Trust is working towards contacting patients via telephone to discuss and agree the date for their surgery or procedure. The Trust has explored the possibility of contacting patients to keep them updated on their waiting time, however due to the number of patients currently on a waiting list, this is not feasible at present.

Consideration is now being given to possible methods of regularly reviewing the experience of patients who wait for treatment. This will continue to be a priority for the Trust during 2015/16.

#### 2.5 PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT 2014/15

#### 2.5 Priorities for Improvement 2015/16

This section describes the Quality Improvement Priorities that have been adopted for 2015/16. These have been agreed by the Quality Report Steering Group in conjunction with patients, clinicians, Governors, Healthwatch and NHS Sheffield CCG. These were approved by the Healthcare Governance Committee, on behalf of the Trust's Board of Directors, on 23rd March 2015. The Trust has considered hospital and community service priorities for the coming year choosing three areas to focus on which span the domains of patient safety, clinical effectiveness and patient experience.

Priorities for 2015/16 are:

- To improve how complaints are managed and learned from within Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.
- To improve staff engagement by using the tools and principles of Listening into Action (LiA).
- To improve the safety and quality of care provided by the Trust in all settings with the aim of reducing preventable harm and improving quality.



Staff get involved in 'Listening into Action' to make change for the better.

## 2.5 Detailed objectives linked to Improvement Priorities

## **Priority 1**

Our Aim	To improve how complaints are managed and learned from within Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
Past Performance	Nationally, there have been a number of recent and important reviews making recommendations relating to fundamental changes to the way in which complaints are managed. These include the Francis Report (2013), the Keogh Review (2013), the Berwick Review (2013) and the Clwyd/Hart Review (2013). In the light of these recent national reports and following the introduction of important initiatives such as the Friends and Family Test, the Trust is currently undertaking a review of our approach to patient experience. Aligned to this review is a programme of work to significantly improve our processes for managing complaints, given the current high profile of complaints both nationally and within the Trust.
Key Objectives	To provide formal training on complaints for around 2,400 Trust staff to develop their understanding and appreciation of how complaints can support service improvement. The training will help staff to view complaints more positively and open-mindedly, helping them to respond and use feedback more productively. The four core outcomes of the training include:  • Achieving positive changes in staff attitudes about complaints  • The organisation develops a more personal, resolution-based approach to complaints handling  • Improved quality of responses that successfully resolve the complaint  • The organisation actively learns lessons from complaints and improvements in services are evidenced.  Following each training session each member of staff will be asked to complete an evaluation survey to ascertain their views on the effectiveness of the training. In addition, the Patients Association Complainant Satisfaction Survey, which is sent to every complainant, will be used to monitor complainants' perception of the complaints process.
Measurement and Reporting	Quarterly updates will be reported to the Board of Directors with final outcomes being reported in the Quality Report 2015/16.
Board Sponsor	Professor Hilary Chapman Chief Nurse
Implementation Lead	Sue Butler Head of Patient Partnership

## **Priority 2**

Our Aim	To improve staff engagement by using the tools and principles of Listening into Action (LiA).
	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals staff survey results for 2013/14 were below average for motivation and involvement which are key components of staff engagement. Low staff engagement can impact on the patient experience. In order to improve overall staff engagement the Trust took a decision to invest in LiA which is a way of engaging staff in making changes and improvements.
	LiA has been adopted by over 50 NHS trusts and has been proven to make a difference. The Health Service Journal Staff Motivation Award has been won for the past three years by hospitals which have used LiA. LiA Trusts see the importance of engaging frontline clinical staff. As a first step 'Big Conversations' took place during November and December 2014 and January and February 2015. All staff were invited to attend these Trustwide events giving them the opportunity to identify what matters to them. At the same time Trust Executive Group have identified 'the blueprint' which is the key performance areas that they feel LiA has an opportunity to influence.
	The impact of LiA is measured by a Journey Scorecard and a Pulse Check. The Journey Scorecard contains 20 questions, for senior leaders to identify how well they feel they run the organisation.
Past Performance	Baseline data was captured in December 2014. The scores shown below are aggregate scores with a range from 5 to 25. With 5 being strongly disagree on all indicators and 25 strongly agree with all indicators. Overall the results show a neutral response.
	The Journey Scorecard scores were:
	Navigation - 13.9 (Just below neutral)
	Leadership - 15.5 (Neutral)
	Ownership - People affected by change - 14 (Just below neutral)
	Enablement - 13.2 (Just below neutral)
	The Pulse Check is 15 questions sent to all staff focusing on how they feel they are supported to undertake their jobs. The Pulse Check baseline data revealed that only 17% of staff feel that day-to-day issues and frustrations are quickly identified and resolved. It also revealed that only 29% of staff believe that communication between senior management and staff is effective. However 68% of staff believe the Trust is providing high quality services to our patients and service users.

	<ul> <li>To create a culture of engagement where people feel able to make changes to their service which will positively impact on patient and staff experience.</li> <li>To see an improvement in the LiA Pulse Check and the Journey Scorecard.</li> <li>To ensure 25% of staff have engaged with LiA during 2015/16 either in Team Conversations or in Supporting Teams and Schemes.</li> </ul>
Key Objectives	<ul> <li>To gain feedback on every LiA event, aspiring to achieve a score of 3 or above on average. (Score ranges from 1- Poor to 5- Excellent).</li> <li>To use LiA tools and principals on key performance areas throughout the Trust demonstrating tangible improvements.</li> </ul>
	• To ensure each directorate has a LiA scheme based on one of the key performance areas during 2015/16 and that it is jointly led by a doctor, a nurse or Allied Health Professional and a manager.
	• To improve the staff involvement scores in the staff survey with particular respect to the percentage of staff who perceive that managers act on staff feedback. We will also review the impact on the Trust's overall staff engagement index score. This was 3.81 for 2014/15.
Measurement and Reporting	The LiA steering group and sponsor group will monitor all the schemes and training throughout 2015/16. The Trust Executive Group will receive regular updates on progress with the final outcomes being reported in the Quality Report 2015/16.
Board Sponsor	Mark Gwilliam Director of Human Resources Sir Andrew Cash Chief Executive
Implementation Lead	<b>Jaki Lowe</b> LiA Lead

#### **Priority 3**

#### **Our Aim**

To improve the safety and quality of care provided by the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in all settings with the aim of reducing preventable harm and improving quality.

#### **Past Performance**

The Trust is committed to delivering safe patient care. In recent years we have delivered safety campaigns, such as 'Patient Safety First' and 'How safe is STH?' which have acted as a catalyst for a wide variety of work streams and safety improvement initiatives across the Trust.

In July 2014 the Trust committed to the three year 'Sign up to Safety Campaign'. The Trust's overall aim is to improve the reliability and responsiveness of care given to patients to achieve a 50% reduction in harm supported by the following five key objectives:

- 1 Cultural change that ensures that patient safety will be embedded within all aspects of clinical care.
- 2 Improved recognition and timely management of deteriorating patients leading to improved care.
- 3 Improved recognition and management of patients presenting with, or developing, Red Flag Sepsis and Acute Kidney Injury (AKI).
- 4 Absolute reduction in the cardiac arrest rate.
- 5 Improved communication through the introduction of structured processes to improve the transfer of time-critical patient information.

#### **Key Objective 1**

Cultural change that ensures that patient safety will be embedded within all aspects of clinical care

#### Action:

- Undertake and analyse staff safety culture survey to better understand the issues faced by employees
- Engage and empower patients regarding their inpatient safety via a Patient Safety Briefing, through the use of electronic and traditional media, external website development, patient questionnaires and hospital volunteers
- Develop and deliver bespoke training packages in Human Factors awareness

#### **Measurement:**

- % of inpatients receiving Patient Safety Briefing
- Number of staff who undertook Microsystems coaching and the number of service improvement projects undertaken
- Number of staff who undertook Human Factors training

#### **Key Objective 2**

Improved recognition and timely management of deteriorating patients leading to improved care

#### Action:

- Revise the current Sheffield Hospitals Early Warning Score (SHEWS) and subsequent escalation plan
- Improve accuracy and completeness of observation recording the whole patient assessment and experience
- Accelerate the adoption of the acutely deteriorating patient pathway in all inpatient areas

#### Measurement:

- % of deteriorating patients escalated appropriately as per Trust policy (from audit data)
- % of patient observations completed accurately and in full

#### **Key Objective 3** Action: Develop and trial care bundles for Red Flag Sepsis and AKI Improved recognition and management of • Develop the current Laboratory Information Management System to facilitate and provide patients presenting clinician and nursing prompts, to enable timely interventions for those 'at risk' patients with or developing • Make available an easily accessible 'at risk' patient dashboard for appropriate escalation Red Flag Sepsis and of patients to be available throughout the Trust for use at handover Acute Kidney Injury Measurement: (AKI) • Compliance with local AKI and Sepsis care bundles • Reduction in associated critical care utilisation **Key Objective 4** Action: • Deliver a Patient Safety Collaborative focusing on improving management of deteriorating Absolute reduction patients and to reduce Cardiac Arrests in the cardiac arrest **Measurement:** rate % of acute admissions where Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation status is recorded Cardiac Arrest rate throughout the Trust **Key Objective 5** Action: • Utilise the Situation Background Assessment Recommendation (SBAR) tool to provide a **Improved** structured approach to communication communication through the • Introduce 'Safety Huddles', a small meeting focussed on patient safety, to ensure that introduction of patient safety is at the forefront in every clinical handover structured processes • Improve clinical handover of 'at risk' patients from Day to Night teams (and vice versa) to improve the **Measurement:** transfer of time • % of inpatient wards undertaking 'Safety Huddles' on a daily basis critical patient information • % of referrals to Critical Care utilising SBAR • Hospital @ Night uptake of SBAR tool at handover – Audit of compliance Regular updates will be submitted to the Safety and Risk Management Board with the final Measurement and outcomes being reported in the Quality Report 2015/16. Reporting **Board Sponsor Dr David Throssell** Medical Director Implementation Sandi Carman Leads Head of Patient and Healthcare Governance **Andrew Scott** Patient Safety Manager **Dr Paul Whiting** Associate Medical Director for Patient Safety

#### 2.6 HOW DID WE CHOOSE THESE PRIORITIES?

#### 2.6 How did we choose these priorities?

Discussions and meeting with Healthwatch representative, Trust Governors, Clinicians, Managers, and members of the Trust Executive Group and Senior Management team.



Topics suggested, analysed and developed into the key objectives for consultation:

- 1 To improve how complaints are managed and learned from within the Trust
- 2 To improve staff engagement by using the tools and principles of Listening into Action (LiA)
- 3 To improve the safety and quality of care provided by the Trust in all settings with the aim of reducing preventable harm and improving quality



Key objectives used as a basis for wider discussion with the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, Healthwatch representative, Trust Governor representatives, Clinicians, Managers, and members of the Trust Executive Group and Senior Management



Review by Trust Executive Group to enable the Chief Nurse and Medical Director to inform the Board on our priorities.



The Healthcare Governance Committee, on behalf of the Trust's Board of Directors, agreed these priorities in March 2015.

## 2.7 Statements of Assurance from the Board

This section contains formal statements for the following services delivered by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

- a) Services Provided
- b) Clinical Audit
- c) Clinical Research
- d) Commissioning for Quality and Improvement (CQUIN) Framework
- e) Care Quality Commission
- f) Data Quality
- g) Patient Safety Alerts
- h) Staff Engagement
- i) Annual Patient Surveys
- j) Complaints
- k) Mixed Sex Accommodation
- I) Coroners Regulation 28 Reports

For the first six sections the wording of these statements and the information required are set by Monitor and the Department of Health. This enables the reader to make a direct comparison between different Trusts for these particular services and standards.

#### a. Services Provided

During 2014/15 the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provided and/or sub-contracted 40 relevant health services.

The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has reviewed all the data available to them on the quality of care in 40 of these relevant health services.

The income generated by the relevant health services reviewed in 2014/15 represents 100% of the total income generated from the provision of relevant health services by the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2014/15.

The data reviewed in Part 3 covers the three dimensions of quality - patient safety, clinical effectiveness and patient experience.

#### b. Clinical Audit

During 2014/15 37 national clinical audits and 4 national confidential enquiries covered relevant health services that Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust provides.

During that period Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust participated in 97.3% national clinical audits and 100% national confidential enquiries of the national clinical audits and national confidential enquiries which it was eligible to participate in. The national clinical audits and national confidential enquiries that Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was eligible to participate in during 2014/15 are documented in Table 1. The national clinical audit the Trust has not participated in is detailed later in the section.

The national clinical audits and national confidential enquires that Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust participated in, and for which data collection was completed during 2014/15, are listed below alongside the number of cases submitted to each audit or enquiry as a percentage of the number of registered cases required by the terms of that audit or enquiry.

Table 1

Audits and Confidential Enquiries	<b>Participation</b> N/A = Not applicable	% Cases Submitted
Acute Care		
Case Mix Programme (CMP)	Yes	100%
Emergency Use of Oxygen	Yes	100%*
British Society for Clinical Neurophysiology (BSCN) and Association of Neurophysiological Scientists (ANS) Standards for Ulnar Neuropathy at Elbow (UNE) testing	Yes	100%
Major Trauma: The Trauma Audit & Research Network (TARN)	Yes	96.9%
Medical and Surgical Clinical Outcome Review Programme, National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (	NCEPOD)	
Lower Limb Amputation	Yes	100%
Tracheostomy Care	Yes	100%
Gastrointestinal Haemorrhage	Yes	100%
Sepsis	Yes	100%
National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA)	Yes	39%*
National Joint Registry (NJR)	Yes	94%
Vital signs in Children	N/A	N/A
Pleural Procedures	Yes	91%
Older people (care in emergency departments)	Yes	100%
Blood and Transplant		
National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion programme		
Audit of the use of red cells	Yes	100%*
Audit of transfusion in children and adults with sickle cell disease	Yes	100%
Cancer		
Bowel cancer (NBOCAP)	Yes	91%*
Lung cancer (NLCA)	Yes	93%*
National Prostate Cancer Audit	Yes	100%
Oesophago-gastric cancer (NAOGC)	Yes	96%*
Head and neck oncology (DAHNO)	Yes	89%*

Heart		
Acute Coronary Syndrome or Acute Myocardial Infarction	Yes	100%
Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM)	Yes	100%
Congenital Heart Disease (Paediatric cardiac surgery) (CHD)	Yes	100%
Coronary Angioplasty/National Audit of PCI	Yes	100%
National Adult Cardiac Surgery Audit	Yes	100%
National Cardiac Arrest Audit (NCAA)	Yes	See statement
National Heart Failure Audit	Yes	89%*
National Vascular Registry		
National Carotid Interventions Audit	Yes	89%
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)	Yes	86%
Peripheral Vascular Surgery – Lower limb angioplasty/stenting	Yes	93%
Peripheral Vascular Surgery – Lower limb bypass	Yes	72%
Peripheral Vascular Surgery – Lower limb amputation	Yes	56%
Pulmonary Hypertension (Pulmonary Hypertension Audit)	Yes	100%
Long Term Conditions		
Chronic Kidney Disease in primary care	N/A	N/A
National Diabetes Adults	Yes	100%
National Pregnancy in Diabetes Audit	Yes	100%
Diabetes (Paediatric) NPDA)	N/A	N/A
Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) programme	Yes	74%*
National Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Audit Programme (organisational)	Yes	97%
Renal replacement therapy (Renal Registry)	Yes	100%
Rheumatoid and Early Inflammatory Arthritis	Yes	100%
Mental Health		
National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide for people with Mental Illness (NCISH)	N/A	N/A
Prescribing Observatory for Mental Health (POMH)	N1/A	N1/A
Prescribing for substance misuse: Alcohol detoxification	N/A	N/A
Prescribing Observatory for Mental Health (POMH)	N/A	N/A
Prescribing for bipolar disorder (use of sodium valproate)	IN/A	IV/A
Prescribing Observatory for Mental Health (POMH)		N/A
Prescribing for ADHD in children, adults and adolescents	N/A	IV/A
Mental Health (care in emergency departments)	Yes	100%

Falls and Fragility Fractures Audit Programme (FFFAP)	.,	04.004
SSNAP Post-Acute Organisational Audit	Yes	91.3%
Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP)	Yes	90%**
Other		
Elective surgery (National PROMs Programme)		
Groin hernia surgery		
Questionnaire 1 received	Yes	49.7%
Questionnaire 2 returned	Yes	39.3%
Varicose vein surgery		
Questionnaire 1 received	Yes	71%
Questionnaire 2 returned	Yes	38.3%
Hip replacement/revision surgery		
Questionnaire 1 received	Yes	78.8%
Questionnaire 2 returned	Yes	14.1%*
Hip replacement/revision surgery		
Questionnaire 1 received	Yes	84%
Questionnaire 2 returned	Yes	18.5%*
National Audit of Intermediate Care	Yes	100%
Women's and Children's Health		
Maternal, Newborn and Infant Clinical Outcome Review Programme (MBRRACE-UK)	Yes	100%
Neonatal Intensive and Special Care (NNAP)	Yes	100%*
Paediatric Asthma	N/A	N/A
Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network (PICANet)	N/A	N/A
Epilepsy 12 Audit (Childhood Epilepsy)	N/A	N/A
Fitting Child (Care in emergency departments)	N/A	N/A

#### Please note the following

\*Data for projects marked with \* require further validation. Where data has been provided these are best estimates at the time of compilation. Data for all continuous projects and confidential enquiries continues to be reviewed and validated during April, May or June and therefore final figures may change.

\*\* This is normally reported in 'bands' in the SSNAP quarterly reports.

#### **Supporting statements**

#### National Cardiac Arrest Audit (NCAA)

Local audits continue to be undertaken. A decision regarding enrolment in the National Cardiac Arrest Audit (NCAA) will be made during 2015 by the Trust Resuscitation Committee.

#### National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA)

The Trust is currently undertaking work to understand why submission is lower than expected in order to improve submission for 2015.

The reports of 37 national clinical audits were reviewed by the provider in 2014/15 and Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust intends to take the following actions to improve the quality of healthcare provided. Some of the examples of which are included below:

#### National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion: Audit of Anti-D Immunoglobulin Prophylaxis

The audit findings reflect that most anti-D immunoglobulin prophylaxis is delivered correctly and RhD negative women should be reassured that this is an important and effective programme that prevents a serious and life-threatening condition which used to affect large numbers of babies but no longer does.

Now that there is a single UK evidence-based guideline for anti-D immunoglobulin prophylaxis the results of this audit, and local policies, are being reviewed against the guideline and when local quality improvements have been introduced to address any deficiencies in the service, a local re-audit will be undertaken.

#### **National Diabetes Inpatient Audit (NaDIA)**

Following participation in the audit we have introduced new diabetes guidelines, treatment and monitoring charts, hypoboxes to treat low blood glucose levels and targeted ward based education to implement these changes. The in-patient diabetes programme is ongoing to support improvements in patient care.

## NCAPOP - Head & Neck Cancer National Audit (DAHNO)

Since data was collected work has been undertaken to improve patients receiving pre-treatment dietetic assessments, improving the number of patients being seen by clinical nurse specialist (CNS) prior to commencement of first treatment and improving documentation when a CNS is present at the breaking of bad news.

#### **Confidential Enquiries**

The Trust has in place a process for the management of National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death Reports (NCEPOD) and puts action plans together as reports are issued. It is a standing agenda item at the Clinical Effectiveness Committee which provides a forum for updates, and if any action plan requires an audit this is included on the Trust Clinical Audit Programme.

Data is also continually collected and submitted to MBRRACE-UK (Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries across the United Kingdom – see Table 1 for participation rate).

#### **Local Clinical Audits**

The reports of 204 local clinical audits were reviewed by the provider in 2014/15 and Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust intends to take the following actions to improve the quality of healthcare provided:

#### **Trustwide Nursing Documentation Audit**

Following a visit by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in September 2013, nursing documentation was identified as an urgent area for improvement, particularly focusing on nursing assessments and risk screening documents. It was therefore agreed at Trust level that a weekly audit would be carried out across all wards for four weeks to improve compliance in these areas. After the four weeks, the results were reviewed by the project team. Where wards were deemed compliant, spot checks were undertaken to provide assurance. Where there was partial or non-compliance, wards continue to audit on a weekly basis until they reach compliance. The overall results suggest that nursing documentation has improved over the six month audit period, with many of the standards achieving over 90% compliance. Wards have used their local results to drive improvement by producing action plans to address specific issues. Using a rapid audit cycle has enabled changes to be implemented more quickly and the use of this method will be proposed for a re-audit.

## Audit of the Management of Patients with Sepsis at Northern General Hospital

Conclusions from an audit of 50 septic patients selected based on clinically significant blood cultures or admission to Intensive Treatment Unit with primary reason of sepsis has led to the formation of a Trustwide Sepsis Action Plan helping to address such issues and identify potential solutions in order to produce Trustwide Sepsis Management Guidelines.

## Audit of National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Technology Appraisal 129 – Bortezomib monotherapy for relapsed multiple myeloma

The aim of this audit is to assess the extent to which the practice of the Department of Haematology at the Trust is in line with current recommendations from the national bodies, regarding the use of Bortezomib in the treatment of relapsed multiple myeloma.

The practices at the Haematology department in relation to the use of Bortezomib are consistent with current recommendations from the national bodies. It is recommended that this area is re-audited in 2-3 years or earlier if guidelines change.

#### c. Clinical Research

The number of patients receiving relevant health services provided or sub-contracted by Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in 2014/15 that were recruited during that period to participate in research approved by a research ethics committee was 12,943 (2013/14-14,665).

International Clinical Trials Day provides a key focus for clinical research. It is an annual global event celebrating the day that James Lind began his famous trial which led to the prevention of scurvy. This year the Trust will be hosting a number of events to raise awareness of the importance of clinical research for staff and patients. We want to show what research means and how to get involved.

In addition, there will be a talk on 20 May 2015 in the Medical School Lecture Theatre from Dr Julian Gunn and other speakers, accompanied by some interactive stalls about our research in the University of Sheffield Medical School Café 1828.

## d. Commissioning for Quality and Improvement (CQUIN Framework)

A proportion of Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust income in 2014/15 was conditional on achieving quality improvement and innovation goals agreed between Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and any person or body they entered into a contract, agreement or arrangement with for the provision of relevant health services, through the Commissioning for Quality and Innovation payment framework.

Further details of the agreed goals for 2014/15 are available electronically at: www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/sc-cquin-guid.pdf

In 2014/15 2.5% of our contractual income (£15.6 million) was conditional on achieving Quality Improvement and Innovation goals agreed between Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and NHS Sheffield CCG. During 2013/14 the Trust secured £16M on achieving the Quality Improvement and Innovation Goals.

For 2014/15 the Commissioning for Quality and Innovation payment framework has included:-

- Improved identification and assessment of patients who may have Dementia with over 90% of patients over 75 now screened for dementia. (Target met)
- Improved responsiveness to the personal needs of patients, with over 90% of patients surveyed expressing complete satisfaction with the help they received with nutrition, pain control and going to the toilet. (Target partially met)
- Reduction in the prevalence of pressure ulcers acquired whilst receiving hospital or community care. (Target requires improvement)
- Improved communication with GPs following a patient's attendance in outpatient clinic. (Target partially Met).

#### e. Care Quality Commission (CQC)

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is required to register with the Care Quality Commission and its current registration status is fully compliant. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust had no conditions on registration.

The Care Quality Commission has not taken enforcement action against Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS foundation Trust during 2014/15.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has not participated in any special review or investigations by the CQC during the reporting period.

#### f. Data Quality

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust submitted records during 2014/15 to the Secondary Uses service for inclusion in the Hospital Episode Statistics which are included in the latest published data.

The percentage of records in the published data:

— which included the patient's valid NHS number was:

99.8% for admitted patient care;

99.8% for out patient care; and

98.5% for accident and emergency care.

— which included the patient's valid General Medical Practice Code was:

100% for admitted patient care;

100% for outpatient care; and

100% for accident and emergency care.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Information Governance Assessment Report overall score for 2014/15 was 70% and was graded as satisfactory and green.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was subject to the Payment by Results clinical coding audit during the reporting period by the Audit Commission and the error rates reported in the latest published audit for that period for diagnoses and treatment coding (clinical coding) were:

- 4% primary diagnosis incorrect
- 10.5% secondary diagnosis incorrect
- 5.6% primary procedures incorrect
- 1.9% secondary procedure incorrect

To note: The figures above relate to the correct recording of patient diagnosis and procedures from case notes. The standard is 90% correct recording of the primary diagnosis and procedure, and 80% correct recording of the secondary diagnosis and procedure.

The results should not be extrapolated further than the actual sample audited. Areas audited were taken from a section of specialities specified nationally and by our commissioners, which were:-

- 100 sets of case notes from the national area for audit
   the HRG sub-chapter HD
- 100 sets of case notes from the local commissioner selected area for audit – the HRG sub-chapter NZ

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be taking the following actions to improve data quality:

- Continue to work collaboratively with the network of Data Quality professionals across Yorkshire and the Humber. Meet quarterly as a forum to share good practice and ideas.
- Analyse the audit results of the Trustwide audit of information systems and develop an action plan to introduce some standardisation of data quality control.
- Work in close collaboration with the Organisational Change Managers for the Transformation Through Technology (T3) project, to develop Standard Operating Procedures, and to build up a cross-trust network of local contacts for Data Quality issue resolution.
- Develop a strategy to incorporate Data Quality into the Trust's Business Objectives.
- Review and re-issue the Trust Data Quality policy, taking into account the recommendations of the Internal Audit Report into Data Quality.

#### g. Patient Safety Alerts

The National Patient Safety Agency analyses reports on patient safety incidents received from NHS staff and uses this to produce resources (alerts or rapid response requests) aimed at improving patient safety. Table 2 below details the Alerts and Raid Response Reports which have been responded to during the year 2014/15:-

Table 2: Alerts received during 2014/15

Ref	Title	Issued	Deadline	Closed	
NHS/PSA/D/2014/002	Non-Luer Spinal (Intrathecal) Devices	20/2/2014	1/7/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/003	Risks of Associating ECG Records with Wrong Patients	4/3/2014	4/4/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/D/2014/005	Improving Medication Error Incident Reporting and Learning	20/3/2014	16/9/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/D/2014/006	Improving Medical Device Incident Reporting and Learning	20/3/2014	16/9/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/007	Minimising Risks of Omitted and Delayed Medicines for Patients Receiving Homecare Services	10/4/2014	9/5/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/008	Residual Anaesthetic Drugs in Cannulae and Intravenous Lines	14/4/2014	13/5/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/009	Risk of Using Vacuum and Suction Drains when not Clinically Indicated	6/6/2014	4/7/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/D/2014/010	Standardising the Early Identification of Acute Kidney Injury	9/6/2014	9/5/2015	Still Open	
NHS/PSA/D/2014/011	Legionella and Heated Birthing Pools Filled in Advance of Labour in Home Settings	17/6/2014	30/6/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/012	Risk of Harm Relating to Interpretation and Action on PCR Results in Pregnant Women	23/6/2014	31/7/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/013	Risk of Inadvertently Cutting in-Line (or Closed) Suction Catheters	17/7/2014	15/8/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/014	Risks Arising from Breakdown and Failure to Act on Communication During Handover at the Time of Discharge from Secondary Care	29/8/2014	13/10/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/R/2014/015	Resources to Support the Prompt Recognition of Sepsis and the Rapid Initiation of Treatment	2/9/2014	31/10/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/016	Risk of Distress and Death from Inappropriate Doses of Naloxone in Patients on Long-Term Opioid/Opiate Treatment	20/11/2014	22/12/2014	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/017	Risk of Death and Serious Harm from Delays in Recognising and Treating Ingestion of Button Batteries	19/12/2014	19/1/2015	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2014/18	Risk of Death and Serious Harm from Accidental Ingestion of Potassium Permanganate Preparations	22/12/2014	22/1/2015	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2015/001	Harm from using Low Molecular Weight Heparins when Contraindicated	19/1/2015	2/3/2015	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2015/002	Risk of Death from Asphyxiation by Accidental Ingestion of Fluid/Food Thickening Powder	6/2/2015	19/3/2015	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2015/003	Risk of Severe Harm and Death from Unintentional Interruption of Non-Invasive Ventilation	13/2/2015	27/3/2015	Closed	
NHS/PSA/W/2015/004	Managing Risks During the Transition Period to New ISO Connectors for Medical Devices	27/3/2015	8/5/2015	Still Open	

#### h. Staff Engagement

The Trust recognises the importance of positive staff engagement and good leadership to ensure good quality patient care. A formal 'back to the floor' programme to increase the visibility of senior managers was introduced in April 2014 and the Trust has hosted a number of staff engagement sessions as part of the Department of Health Connecting for Health scheme which have both evaluated well.

The strategic direction for staff engagement is set and monitored by the Staff Engagement Executive Group, chaired by the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development, which reports to the Finance, Performance and Workforce committee, a committee of the Board of Directors.

During 2014/15, the implementation of the Trust Staff Engagement Strategy has been continued with a particular focus on improving both staff involvement and the quality of appraisal for all staff across the Trust.

This year staff Friends and Family Test (FFT) was introduced for all staff in the Trust in line with NHS England requirements. The decision was made to take a staggered approach to this with different Directorates participating in quarters 1, 2 and 4 to ensure that all staff who work in the Trust could participate and the feedback could be utilised and acted upon. Separate staff Friends and Family Testing was not undertaken in quarter 3 as it is included in the NHS staff survey which the Trust participated in during October and November 2014.

Engagement events have been held across the Trust during 2014/15, particularly in clinical areas to discuss the findings of the staff Friends and Family Test results which have resulted in staff making suggestions leading to improvements for both staff and patients. It is pleasing to note that the Trust is now recognised as a centre of good practice for its approach and use of the staff Friends and Family Test data to improve both staff and patient experience.

The Chief Executive has continued to spend time in clinical and non-clinical departments each month to take the opportunity to chat with staff and listen to their feedback. The Chairman meets regularly with the Staff Governors and the Board of Directors have a planned programme of visits across the Trust to meet staff and recognise their efforts.

The Clinical Assurance Toolkit in use in clinical areas includes a Staff Survey (based on the engagement questions in the NHS Staff Survey) and some other departments e.g. Specialised Rehabilitation, Pharmacy and Human Resources have undertaken their own Staff Surveys.

In addition an increasing number of Directorates are now using the Microsystems Coaching Academy approach to involving staff in improving services.

In November the Trust launched 'Listening into Action' (LiA) which has been adopted by a number of Trusts. This will empower and involve staff in making improvements for patients. As a first step 'Big Conversations' took place with the Chief Executive during November and December 2014 and January and February 2015 and will help to identify 'what matters to staff'. At the same time Trust Executive Group have identified 'the blueprint' which is the key performance areas that LiA has an opportunity to influence. The themes from the Big Conversations are:

- Being able to do our jobs to the best of our ability
- Feeling valued
- Being efficient
- Making it better for our patients
- Being better connected
- Being PROUD
- Getting the staffing right

A team has been appointed to lead this work and the first 15 schemes will be working on addressing the issues identified over the next few months with a 'Pass it on' sharing event planned for the summer.

We have continued to work on embedding the PROUD values into the Trust and these are incorporated into the recruitment process for all newly qualified staff nurses and clinical support workers.

The PROUD values are:

- Patients First
  - Ensure that the people we serve are at the heart of what we do
- **R**espectful
  - Be kind respectful, fair and value diversity
- Ownership
  - Celebrate our successes, learn continuously and ensure we improve
- Unity
  - Work in partnership with others
- Deliver
  - Be efficient, effective and accountable for our actions

The rollout of the PROUD performance and values based appraisal process has continued and this has evaluated positively in the staff survey with an increase in the number of staff who reported that they had a well-structured appraisal.

The Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Level 3 programme and the Effective Managers series continue to be provided during 2014/15. These are regularly reviewed and updated and continue to evaluate well. Due to the quality of assessment and internal verification offered by the Leadership Development team, we have now been awarded "ILM centre for Life" status. A new initiative was the post-Francis Senior Sister's development programme which launched in 2014.

The final senior leaders programme in its current format was run this year and work has commenced with Sheffield Hallam University in developing Senior Leaders Mark II.

A second cohort of coaches was trained during 2014 with the intention to train a third cohort in 2015. Two staff have been trained as coaching supervisors and supervision is now available to coaches within the Trust. The Leadership Development team will also be introducing "The Manager as coach" approach during 2015 which will further strengthen coaching capacity.

The team continues to make use of the INSIGHTS personality tool during programmes such as ILM, and increasingly with teams across the Trust, in order to enhance engagement and effectiveness. This is reflected in the improvements for both team working and staff engagement in the 2014 staff survey results.

The team will work with Human Resources and Occupational Health on "Mentally Healthy Workforce" sessions during 2015/16.

In September 2014 the Trust was delighted to welcome Dame Carole Black, an expert adviser to the Department of Health, who spoke to both Trust Executive Group (TEG) and senior managers on the importance of health and wellbeing and the strong links with the engagement agenda and productivity.

Following the successful pilot of a fast track musculoskeletal service for staff in the Jessop Wing by PhysioPlus this service was extended across the Trust from April 2014.

The Trust is looking to link this to the development of a fast track mental health pathway for staff absent due to stress, anxiety and depression. The intention is to develop a seamless service between Occupational Health, Physiotherapy and Mental Health practitioners to support staff who are absent and in time, be able to provide a preventative service. It is anticipated that this reduce sickness absence rates within the Trust and improve staff health and wellbeing overall.

Health and Wellbeing festivals, which provide staff with a range of information on how to improve their health and wellbeing, continue to be held across the Trust together with walking clubs and exercise classes. During 2015/16 proceeds from the Health and Wellbeing lottery will be used to fund further initiatives.

Staff engagement is measured every year via the annual NHS Staff Survey which includes an overall score for staff engagement. It was pleasing to note that the overall Trust staff engagement score 3.81 as reported in the benchmarked NHS Staff Survey, increased significantly which means that the Trust is above average for staff engagement in comparison to other acute trusts. It is very pleasing to note that the Trust is in the top 20% of acute trusts in the country for the number of staff who would recommend the Trust to their friends or family either for treatment or as a place to work. There are improvements in a range of indicators in the 2014 staff survey with the Trust now being in the top 20% for 13 of the 29 key findings.

The reduction in the response rate is thought to be partly due to 'survey fatigue' due to the introduction of Staff Friends and Family Testing and many parts of the Trust undertaking the survey on line for the first time.

#### Top four ranking scores

		13/14	20	14/15	Trust	
Key Finding	Trust	National Average	Trust	National Average	Improvement/ Deterioration	
Staff working unpaid extra hours (%)	62	70	60	71	2% improvement	
Staff witnessing potentially harmful errors, near misses or incidents in the last month (%)	33	33	26	34	7% improvement	
Staff experiencing harassment/bullying/abuses from patients (%)	27	29	22	29	5% improvement	
Staff experiencing physical violence from patients, relatives or the public in last 12 months (%)	18	14	9	14	9% improvement	

#### **Bottom four ranking scores**

		13/14	20	)14/15	Trust	
Key Finding	Trust	National Average	Trust	National Average	Improvement/ Deterioration	
Staff able to contribute towards improvements at work (%)	65	68	63	68	2% deterioration	
Staff agreeing their roles make a difference to patients (%)	87	91	88	91	1% improvement	
Staff agreeing that they would feel secure raising concerns about unsafe clinical practice (%)	-	-	63	67	New question for 2014	
Staff receiving health and safety training in the last 12 months (%)	70	76	70	77	No change	

## **Most improved**

Key Finding	Trust 2013	Trust 2014
Support from Immediate managers	3.59	3.81

<sup>\*</sup> Possible scores range from 1 (poor) to 5 (good)

A Trust action plan has been drawn up to address the areas for improvement highlighted in the Staff Survey which is further supported by individual Directorate staff engagement action plans which will be monitored by the Staff Engagement executive group.

The focus for 2015/16 will be to improve staff involvement through Staff Friends and Family Test, LiA and the Microsystems Academy. Action is already being taken to improve mandatory training compliance. The 'Raising Concerns' policy will be revised in light of the recent Francis 'Freedom to speak up' report (2015). A staff engagement score will once again be calculated for every directorate which will be monitored together with Staff Friends and Family Test scores via the Care Group performance review process.

#### i. Annual Patient Surveys

The Trust continues to undertake a wide range of patient feedback initiatives regarding the services they receive. Survey work during 2014/15 included participation in the national survey programme for Inpatients, Accident and Emergency and Cancer Services. Our extensive programme of local surveys has continued, with around 750 patients each month participating in the 'Frequent Feedback' survey programme in which the views of patients are gathered by trained volunteers. The Friends and Family Test has also been successfully rolled out across Outpatient, Day Case Services and Community Services.

In the National Inpatient Survey 2014, our scores compare very well against other trusts nationally. Areas where our scores were high include questions relating to communications, information and explanations and having trust and confidence in doctors and nurses. Areas identified where improvements can be made include offering healthy food choices on the hospital menu and ensuring patients have the opportunity to give us their views on the quality of care they receive.

The fifth National Accident and Emergency Department Survey was carried out during 2014. Areas of high performance include patients feeling that they had enough time to discuss their problem with the doctor or nurse and patients' overall rating of their care and treatment in the department. Areas where improvements could be made include communications issues such as ensuring patients are informed of how long they may have to wait to be examined.

In the National Cancer Survey 2014, the Trust's scores were once again very good overall. High scoring questions include patients being offered a choice of different types of treatment and staff informing patients of who to contact if they were worried after their discharge. Areas where improvements can be made include ensuring that the patient's family are given all the information they need to help provide care at home, and ensuring staff ask patients what name they prefer to be called by.

Following any patient feedback, action plans are agreed at local and Trust level to address areas where improvements can be made. There are current programmes of work which aim to improve patient experience and Trust scores in both local and national surveys help us to monitor the impact of this work.

#### Friends and Family Test (FFT)

The Friends and Family Test (FFT) is still being used in Inpatients, Accident and Emergency and Maternity Services. In October 2014 we rolled out the Friends and Family Test into Outpatient and Day Case Services and in January 2015 to Community Services, achieving the Commissioning for Quality and Improvement target for early implementation ahead of the national deadline of April 2015.

The test asks a simple, standardised question with response options on a six point scale, ranging from 'extremely likely' to 'extremely unlikely'. The Trust has also chosen to ask a follow-up question in order to understand why patients select a particular response.

We use a variety of methods to collect the data within the Trust. In November 2014 the use of SMS text messaging was trialed on five wards. This had a positive effect on the response rate, most noticeably on Theatre Assessment Unit and Surgical Assessment Centre. In April 2015 we will be looking at the possibility of using this method on other wards.

The Trust's scores and response rates are outlined in Part 3.

#### j. Complaints

The Trust values complaints as an important source of patient feedback. We provide a range of ways in which patients and families can raise concerns or make complaints. All concerns whether they are presented in person, in writing, over the telephone or by email are assessed and acknowledged within two days and where possible, we aim to take a proactive approach to solving problems as they arise.

Table 3

	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	Aug 2014	Sept 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Total
New informal concerns received	82	98	123	112	110	106	123	111	93	115	117	156	1346
New formal complaints received	128	126	107	121	109	113	163	90	104	87	105	106	1359
All concerns combined	210	224	230	233	219	219	286	201	197	202	222	262	2705

During 2014/15 we received 1,346 concerns and enquiries which we were able to respond to within two working days. If telephone calls, emails or face to face enquiries are received by the Patient Services Team (PST) which staff feel can be dealt with quickly by taking direct action or by putting the enquirer in touch with an appropriate member of staff such as a Matron or Service Manager, contacts are made and the enquiry is recorded on the complaints database as a PST contact. If the concern or issue is not dealt with within two days, or if the enquirer remains concerned, the issue is re categorised as a complaint and processed accordingly.

1,359 complaints requiring more detailed and in depth investigation were received. Table 3 provides a monthly breakdown of complaints and concerns received. Of the complaints closed during 2014/15, 48% (650/1,353) were upheld by the Trust. The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO), investigate complaints made regarding government departments and other public organisations and the NHS in England. They are the final step of the complaints system, giving complainants an independent and last resort to have their complaint looked at. During 2014/15 the PHSO closed 20 cases regarding the Trust, 15% (3/20) of which were upheld.

The Trust works to a target of responding to 85% complaints within 25 working days. The performance this year was 76% falling short of the target for the second consecutive year. The high number and complexity of complaints received in two specific Care Groups, Emergency Care and Surgical Services has resulted in them underperforming against the target throughout the year. As complaints in these two Care Groups account for 43% of the total number of complaints received, this has a significant impact on the overall Trust performance. Chart 1 shows a monthly breakdown of performance against the Trust target per month.

Regular complaints and feedback reports are produced for the Board of Directors, Patient Experience Committee,

Care Groups and Directorates showing the number of complaints received in each area and illustrating the issues raised by complainants. In 2014 the reporting structure for patient experience information was reviewed. A new monthly report has been introduced which focuses on key performance indicators for complaints handling and other feedback, with a more detailed quarterly report also being introduced. The reporting process ensures that at all levels, the Trust is continually reviewing information so that any potentially serious issues, themes or areas where there is a notable increase in the numbers of complaints received can be thoroughly investigated and reviewed by senior staff. Chart 2 shows the breakdown of complaints by theme. The findings show the top five themes are the same as those identified last year. Staff attitude continues to be the most commonly raised subject in complaints, however the number of complaints received about staff attitude has reduced when compared to 2013/14.

We remain committed to learning from, and taking action as a result of, complaint investigations. A formal process is in place which monitors and follows up actions agreed to ensure that any changes have been made and have been implemented as planned. This process is supported by Trust Governors who visit wards and departments to 'spot check' progress against action plans.

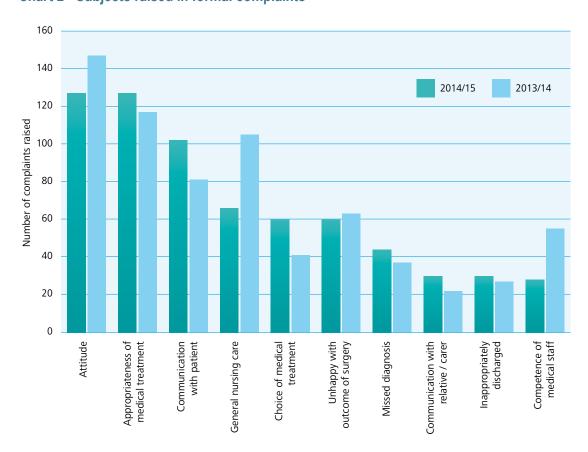
The Patient Partnership Department commenced a comprehensive review of the complaints management process in 2014 to identify a process which is responsive to the needs of patients and families using the complaints service. The review took into consideration recommendations from recent national reviews published over the last few years including the Francis Inquiry (2013), the Clwyd/Hart Review (2013), and Keogh (2013). The new process is due to be piloted in Surgical Services during early 2015, with a view to this being rolled out across the Trust.

A new approach to auditing the quality of the complaints service against the standards we have set and patients'

**Chart 1 - Trust Complaints Response Times** 



Chart 2 - Subjects raised in formal complaints



expectations was introduced in 2014. The Trust interviewed patients and families to understand their experience of the complaints process, and carried out a review of the complaint file in order to ensure it complies with the standards we have set. The findings from this audit have contributed to changes being made to the complaints process. This audit is due to be repeated in 2015.

The Trust has taken part in the Patients Associations National Complainant Satisfaction Survey since April 2014. The survey aims to provide an understanding of the experience of people making a complaint about the Trust. Results are benchmarked against other Trusts participating in the survey.

#### **Key Priorities for 2015/16**

A programme of training for senior nursing and medical staff is to be introduced in 2015 to support the new complaints process and ensure a consistent approach when investigating and responding to complaints. Staff leading complaints investigations will receive training to ensure complaint investigations are carried out thoroughly with findings communicated to patients and families in a clear, comprehensive way.

#### k. Mixed Sex Accommodation

The Trust remains committed to ensuring that men and women do not share sleeping accommodation except when it is in the patient's overall clinical best interest or reflects their personal choice.

Unfortunately, on one occasion during this year, there were two patients who were placed in a mixed sex bay which cares for higher dependency patients and is normally exempt from the mixed sex arrangements. On this occasion, two patients who did not require high dependency care were placed in the bay. This was recognised and both patients were moved on the same day.

The reasons for these breaches have been explored and the arrangements within the Single Sex Accommodation Policy have been recirculated to the relevant staff.

#### **I. Coroners Regulation 28 Reports**

In addition to conducting an independent inquiry into the cause and circumstances of a potentially unnatural death, the coroner also has a duty to consider whether a person or an organisation should be taking steps to prevent similar deaths under Regulation 28 of the Coroner's (Investigations) Regulations 2013. A coroner will issue a Regulation 28 Report when there is a concern that the circumstances creating a risk of further deaths could recur or continue to exist. The person or organisation must then respond to detail the action taken or to be taken, or must explain why no action is proposed.

During 2014/15 the Trust received and responded to two Regulation 28 Reports from the Coroner's office.

In June 2014 a Regulation 28 Report was received which related to the death of a patient with cardiac disease in 2010. The report raised concerns:

- that a robust system was not in place to ensure that all complex patients within the subspecialty concerned were discussed in a timely manner at the appropriate Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meeting, and
- that access to diagnostic scanners used to carry out specialist investigations within Cardiothoracic services was inadequate.

Since 2010, changes have been made to address these problems as follows:

- If a monthly specialist MDT is cancelled, a mechanism has been put in place to allow patients to be discussed outside the meeting rather than waiting for the next scheduled session. If it is considered necessary to discuss complex cases with a wider group of clinicians, the case can be presented at the weekly Cardiothoracic MDT.
- The diagnostic service has been improved with the addition of three new scanners. In addition, if a routine MDT is cancelled, a mechanism has been put in place to ensure that cases can be discussed outside the meeting.

In August 2014 a Regulation 28 Report was received which raised concerns regarding the pressures facing cardiology registrars. A number of initiatives have now been implemented to improve the workload and senior support available to on-call registrars. Further work is planned within Cardiothoracic Services to continue to address the ongoing pressures. This Regulation 28 Report also highlighted concerns about the working patterns of the Electrophysiologists. A 'cross-covering' work pattern has now been established to address this which has increased the flexibility, productivity and efficiency of the service for outpatient and inpatient work. In addition, the service has now been expanded to include two new Consultant Electrophysiologists and two Device/ Heart Failure Consultants.

This report also raised concerns about the systems in place to ensure that the contents of GP referral letters are recorded in patient's inpatient clinical records and that information is correctly communicated to a senior clinician in a timely manner. All trainees have since been reminded of the need to fully review the content of GP referrals when making their assessments prior to presenting cases to the appropriate Consultant. The Trust is currently implementing an Electronic Patient Record which, when fully operational, is designed to ensure that referral information is readily available to all clinicians in electronic format.

## 3.1 Quality Performance Information 2014/2015

These are the Trust priorities which are encompassed in the mandated indicators that the organisation is required to report and have been agreed by the Board of Directors.

The indicators include

- 6 that are linked to patient safety;
- 11 that are linked to clinical effectiveness; and
- 13 that are linked to patient experience.

Mandated Indicators - NHS England (Gateway reference 03123)

Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Mortality  The value and banding of the summary hospital-level mortality indicator (SHMI) for the trust for the reporting period.  National average: 1.0  Highest performing Trust score: 0.60  Lowest performing Trust score: 1.20	0.88 Banding: "lower than expected"	0.91 Banding: "as expected"	0.91 (Oct 13- Sept 14) Banding: "as expected"
The percentage of patient deaths with palliative care coded at either diagnosis or specialty level for the trust for the reporting period.  National average: 25.3%  Highest Trust score: 49.4%  Lowest Trust score: 0%  The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as these data are extracted from the Information Centre SHMI data set.  The SHMI makes no adjustment for palliative care because there is considerable variation between trusts in the way that palliative care codes are used. Adjustments based on palliative medicine treatment specialty would mean that those Organisations coding significantly for palliative medicine treatment specialty would benefit the most in terms of reducing the SHMI value (the ratio of Observed / Expected deaths would decrease because the expected mortality would increase). Hence, SHMI routinely reports % patient deaths with palliative care coding as a contextual indicator to assist with interpretation of data.  The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is taking the following actions to improve this rate, and so the quality of its services, by:  Ensuring consistent Mortality and Morbidity reviews are undertaken across the Trust.  Monitoring the mortality data at a diagnosis level to ensure any areas for improvement are constantly reviewed and where appropriate ensure actions are taken to address.  *The SHMI reported in last year's Quality Report was qualified by the annotation that this was derived from the most recent rolling 12 month period i.e. Oct 2012 - Sept 2013. SHMI results are published six months and three weeks in arrears because of the need to validate the data nationally. The value for April 2013 – March 2014 was released at the end of October 2014 and reported as 0.91. This can be validated via the NHS Choices website.	18.4%	20.3%	22.1% (Oct 13 - Sept 14)

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Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14*	2014/15
Patient Report Outcome Measures (PROMs)			April – Sept 2014
The Trust's patient reported outcome measures scores for:			2011
Groin hernia surgery			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals' score: National average: Highest score: Lowest score:	0.108 0.084 0.157 0.015	0.075 0.085 0.142 0.008	0.045 0.081 0.125 0.009
Varicose vein surgery			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals' score: National average: Highest score: Lowest score:	0.076 0.093 0.138 0.023	0.102 0.093 0.149 0.023	0.136 0.100 0.142 0.054
Hip replacement surgery primary			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals' score: National average: Highest score: Lowest score:	0.406 0.437 0.543 0.319	0.401 0.436 0.570 0.332	** 0.442 0.501 0.350
Hip replacement surgery revision			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals' score: National average: Highest score: Lowest score:	0.236 0.272 0.35 0.164	0.153 0.254 0.362 0.153	** 0.283 ** **
Knee replacement surgery primary			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals' score: National average: Highest score: Lowest score:	0.308 0.318 0.409 0.231	0.324 0.323 0.414 0.209	0.363 0.328 0.394 0.249
Knee replacement surgery revision			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals' score: National average: Highest score: Lowest score:	0.211 0.251 0.369 0.194	0.211 0.251 0.369 0.123	** ** ** **

PROMs scores represent the average adjusted health gain for each procedure. Scores are based on the responses patients give to specific questions on mobility, usual activities, self-care, pain and anxiety after their operation as compared to the scores they gave pre-operatively. A higher score suggests that the procedure has improved the patient's quality of life more than a lower score.

- \* This data may be different to the data reported in the 13/14 Quality Report, as the data is now complete for the financial year 2013/14.
- \*\* Denotes that there are fewer than 30 responses as figures are only reported once 30 responses have been received.

The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as the data is taken from national Information Centre PROMs data set.

The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is taking the following actions to improve this score, and so the quality of its services, by:

- Continuing to analyse the EQ-5D and OHS data for hips.
- Triangulating the EQ5D and OHS data with further data on patient experience, safety and outcomes and incorporating into quality improvements.

The following actions are currently in progress to address the Trust's scores for Hip replacement surgery

- Work is being undertaken to assess if patients are waiting longer for their operation (patient choice of centre) and to determine if this is then having an impact on our reported outcomes
- Process mapping the hip replacement pathway
- Breaking down the patient journey and assessing the pathway at each stage
- Identifying what pathways peer organisations have implemented and visit them to understand the improvements made
- Benchmarking our outcomes against peer organisations.

Following this improvement work will be undertaken as necessary.

As part of our review to improve the Trusts data for hips, clinical areas and joint school have been visited to understand their current processes. Patient information leaflets and posters have been introduced to increase the response rate.

The time delay in publication of the data means any improvements in reported health gains post operatively, as a direct result of the above actions, may not be evident until publication of the 2015/16 data.

Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Readmissions			
The percentage of patients aged:			
0 to 15; and	0%	0%	0%
16 or over	11.36%	10.8%	10.8%
Readmitted to a hospital which forms part of the Trust within 28 days of being discharged from a hospital which forms part of the Trust during the reporting period.			
Comparative data is not available			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as the data is taken from the Trust's Patient Administration System.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust intends to take the following actions to improve this percentage, and so the quality of its services, by reviewing the reasons for readmissions and working with our partners in the wider Health and Social Care community to prevent avoidable readmissions. This will be delivered through the Right First Time City Wide Health and Social Care Partnership. During 14/15 we undertook a specific project to examine the reasons for readmission in Urology. It is anticipated that this will be rolled out to a further specialty during 15/16.			

Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Responsiveness to personal needs of patients			
The Trust's responsiveness to the personal needs of its patients during the reporting period.	68.6%	79.3%	75.1%*
National average: 71.9%			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as the data is provided by national CQC survey contractor.			
* The score represents three questions from the National Inpatient Survey selected as a measure of responsiveness to patient needs. This is compared to four questions for the 2013/14 and five for the 2012/13.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has agreed that help to go to the toilet, controlling pain, help with nutrition, and being treated with dignity are the areas on which the Trust's Patient Experience should be measured through an ongoing programme of patient interviews (approximately 800 each month).			

Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Friends and Family Test - Staff who would recommend the Trust			
The percentage of staff employed by, or under contract to, the Trust during the reporting period who would recommend the Trust as a provider of care to their family or friends.	70%	72%	78%
National average: 64			
Highest performing Trust score: 89 (Acute Trusts)			
Lowest performing Trust score: 38			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as the data is provided by national CQC survey contractor.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust continues to take the following actions to improve this percentage, and so the quality of its services, by continually involving staff and seeking their views in how to make improvement in the quality of patient services for example through Listening into Action and Microsystems Academy work streams.			

Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Friends and Family Test - Patients who would recommend the Trust			
The percentage of patients who attended the Trust during the reporting period who would recommend the Trust as a provider of care to their family or friends.	New indicator	71*	92%
*The score for 2013/14 represents a scale of -100 to +100 is, using the Net Promoter Score calculation. From October 2014 NHS England stopped using the Net Promoter scoring system and moved to a percentage system.			
The Friends and Family Test scores are now recorded taking the percentage of respondents who 'would recommend' our service which is taken from ratings 1 (Extremely Likely) and 2 (Likely).			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described, as the data is collected by the Picker Institute Europe, verified by UNIFY and reported by NHS England. For the electronic submissions data is collected by Healthcare Communications.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust intends to take the following actions to improve this score, and so the quality of its services, by continuing to use the Friends and Family Test scores to trigger action planning around low scoring wards. This year analysis of comments has led to planned work around noise at night and the temperature on wards. The Trust is planning to improve the way we use and promote patient comments, not only to inform action plans, but to report patient feedback more effectively to staff. There is further work planned to improve awareness of The Friends and Family Test both to increase staff and patient engagement with the survey, and to help staff use feedback as part of their routine reporting.			

Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Patients risk assess for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)			
The percentage of patients who were admitted to hospital and who were risk assessed for venous thromboembolism during the reporting period.	93.33%	95.16%	95.18%
Comparative data is not available			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as we have processes in place to collect the data internally which is regularly monitored. We then report the data externally to the Department of Health.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust continues to take the following actions to improve this percentage, and so the quality of its services, by ensuring completion of VTE risk assessment form for every patient admitted to the Trust, feedback to Directorates on performance and carrying out analysis of cases of VTE which are thought to be hospital associated.			
Since April 2014, the requirement to collect and submit VTE data has been an NHS Contract requirement, and is no longer a CQUIN indicator.			
Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Rate of Clostridium Difficile			
The rate per 1,000,000 bed days of cases of <i>C.difficile</i> infection reported within the Trust amongst patients aged two or over during the reporting period.	17.8	13.7	15.9*
Comparative data is not available			
*The rate shown is provisional until the Public Health England denominator rates are published. The denominator used is the 2013/14 figure as this is unlikely to change significantly.			
During 2014/15 there have been 93 cases of <i>C.difficile</i> infection attributable to the Trust. The national threshold for 2014/15 was 94.			
All Trust attributable cases now have a root cause analysis to identify if there has been any lapse in care. At publication 21 cases have been highlighted as possibly having a lapse in care. Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 cases are still being reviewed.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as the data is provided by the Public Health England.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust continues to take the following actions to improve this rate, and so the quality of its services, by having a dedicated plan as part of its Infection Prevention and Control Programme to continue to reduce the rate of <i>C.difficile</i> experienced by patients admitted to the Trust.			

Prescribed Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Rate of patient safety incidents			
The number and, where available, rate of patient safety incidents reported within the Trust during the reporting period, and the number and percentage of such patient safety incidents that resulted in severe harm or death.	9951	9762*	6702**
Number of Incidents reported			
The incident reporting rate is calculated from the number of reported incidents per hundred admissions and the comparative data used is from the first six months of 2014/15. Full information for the financial year is not available from the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) until mid 2015.	5.1	4.75*	23.61**
Cluster** average: 35.89			
Highest performing Trust score: 74.9			
Lowest performing Trust score: 0.24			
and the number and percentage of such patient safety incidents that resulted in severe harm or death.	51	59*	27**
Cluster** reporting data: 2851 (0.5%)	(0.5%)	(0.6%)	(0.4%) **
Highest reporting Trust: 97 (1.8%)			
Lowest reporting Trust: 0 (0%)			
* The figures for 2013/14 are different to those documented in last year's Quality Report as they have now been validated.			
**The NRLS have changed how they measure incident reporting rates. These are now measured by number of incidents per 1000 bed days (previously number of incidents per 100 admissions).			
The clusters developed by NRLS have also changed and all acute non- specialist trusts are banded together.			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described as the data is taken from the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS).			
The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust intends to increase the incident reporting rate by using an online reporting system accessible which is to all staff. Evidence to date shows that this has had a marked increase in the number of incidents reported. The system will continue to be developed and promoted throughout 2015/16.			
To note: As this indicator is expressed as a ratio, the denominator (all incidents reported) implies an assurance over the reporting of all incidents, whatever the level of severity. There is also clinical judgement required in grading incidents as 'severe harm' which is moderated at both a Trust and national level. This clinical judgement means that there is an inherent uncertainty in the presentation of the indicator which cannot at this stage be audited.			

## **Mandated Indicators – Monitor Risk Assessment Framework**

Measures of Quality Performance	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Percentage of patients who wait less than 31 days from decision to treat to receiving their treatment for cancer-			Q1, Q2 and Q3 data used
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	98%	98	97%
National Standard Data Source: Exeter National Cancer Waiting Times Database	96%	96%	96%
Percentage of patients who waited less than 62 days from urgent referral to receiving their treatment for cancer			Q1, Q2 and Q3 data used
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	89%	88%	85%
National Standard Data Source: Exeter National Cancer Waiting Times Database	85%	85%	85%
Percentage of patients who have waited less than 2 weeks from GP referral to their first outpatient appointment for urgent suspected cancer diagnosis			Q1, Q2 and Q3 data used
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	95%	94%	94%
National Standard Data Source: Exeter National Cancer Waiting Times Database	93%	93%	93%
All cancers: 31-day wait for second or subsequent treatment, comprising:			Q1, Q2 and Q3 data used
Surgery			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	97%	97%	96%
National Standard	94%	94%	94%
Anti-cancer drug treatments			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	100%	99%	100%
National Standard	98%	98%	98%
Radiotherapy			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	99%	99%	98%
National Standard Data Source: Exeter National Cancer Waiting Times Database	94%	94%	94%
Accident and Emergency maximum waiting time of 4 hours from arrival to admission/transfer/discharge			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	93.2%	95.7%	92.7%
National Standard Data Source: Exeter National Cancer Waiting Times Database	95%	95%	95%

Measures of Quality Performance	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
MRSA blood stream infections			
Trust attributable cases in Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	3	4	2
Trust assigned cases in Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	New for 2014/15	4	4
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust threshold	1	0	0
The Trust assigned category was introduced for the 2013/14 year and is the figure used to determine cases for which the Trust is held responsible and where fines may be attached.  Data Source: Exeter National Cancer Waiting Times Database			
Patients who require admission who waited less than 18 weeks from referral to hospital treatment			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	90.6%	90.4%	86.3%
National Standard	90%	90%	90%
Patients who do not need to be admitted to hospital who wait less than 18 weeks for GP referral to hospital treatment			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	96.6%	94.9%	94.8%
National Standard	90%	95%	95%
Maximum time of 18 weeks from point of referral to treatment in aggregate – patients on an incomplete pathway			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	93.2%	92.5%	92.8%
National Standard	92%	92%	92%
Data Completeness for Community Services			
Referral to treatment information:			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	60%	66%	66%
National Standard	50%	50%	50%
Referral information			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	100%	100%	100%
National Standard	50%	50%	50%
Treatment activity information			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust achievement	100%	100%	100%
National Standard	50%	50%	50%

Measures of Quality Performance	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Certification against compliance with requirements regarding access to healthcare for people with a learning disability			
Does the NHS foundation trust have a mechanism in place to identify and flag patients with learning disabilities and protocols that ensure that pathways of care are reasonably adjusted to meet the health needs of these patients?	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	Yes
Does the NHS foundation trust provide readily available and comprehensible information to patients with learning disabilities about treatment options, complaints procedures and appointments?	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	No*
Does the NHS foundation trust have protocols in place to provide suitable support for family carers who support patients with learning disabilities?	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	Yes
Does the NHS foundation trust have protocols in place to routinely include training on providing healthcare to patients with learning disabilities for all staff?	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	Yes
Does the NHS foundation trust have protocols in place to encourage representation of people with learning disabilities and their family carers?	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	Yes
Does the NHS foundation trust have protocols in place to regularly audit its practices for patients with learning disabilities and to demonstrate the findings in routine public reports?  *The Trusts Visitors Policy is currently being updated and this includes enabling carers to support patients especially where there is an identified need.	New for 2014/15	New for 2014/15	No**
**The Trust is in the process of auditing the experience of patient with learning disabilities.			

## Additional Indicators

Measures of Quality Performance	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Never Events			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Performance Data Source: National Patient Safety Agency	7	4	3
Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR)			
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Performance	96%	100%*	99% (Jan 14- Dec 14)
National Benchmark. Data Source: Dr Foster	100%	100%	100%
*This figure is different from last year as it represents the whole year (April 2013- March 2014) rather than April 2013- January 2014 as reported in last year's Quality Report.			

Sheffield Healthwatch, NHS Sheffield CCG, Trust Governors and the Sheffield Health and Community Care Scrutiny Committee commented in the 2013/14 Quality Report. The following table summarises the Trust's response to those comments.

We would like to thank all individuals involved for taking the time to review our Quality Report and for the helpful feedback provided.

#### NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group 2013/14

Abridged comments	Our response
The Trust has unfortunately experienced challenges during 2013-14 with regard to delivery of the 'admitted' 18 weeks waiting time standards. The CCG welcomes the high priority being given to this key area of service delivery into 2014-15.	We have continued to experience problems throughout 2014/15 in achieving the 18 weeks waiting time standard, particularly for admitted patients.  During 2014/15 86.3% of patients who required admission waited less than 18 weeks from referral to hospital treatment. This is compared to the national standard of 90%.  The specialities where there are continuing challenges are Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery and Orthopaedics. We have been working with the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England throughout 2014/15 on this.

#### Healthwatch Sheffield

#### **Abridged comments** Our response We have asked for an "easier to read" version of the After working with Healthwatch and Patient long and detailed account a number of times and Governors a summary 'easier to read' version of the this year we are promised that one will be delivered Quality Report 2013/14 was drafted. This was then simultaneous to the publication of this formal Quality modified for publication within the autumn issue of Account / Quality Report. The "easier to read" Good Health News. document, as identified in the Department of Health We all acknowledge that further work is required to guidance, is intended to be more suited to a general improve the process of the production of an easier public audience, and be available on request. It should to read version. Taking this forward for 2015/16 a report at least, in an easily read format, what the Trust Healthwatch representative is now a member of said it would do, what it did, and the results of those the Quality Report Steering Group. This is enabling actions! Healthwatch to be included throughout the process of the Quality Report.

We notice that customer satisfaction as indicated by Complaints is not showing appreciable improvement. The total number of complaints has increased, in particular the top five reasons for complaint, and this is a concern. We understand why the target (Trust determined?) of 85% of complaints being dealt with within 25 days was missed, but look for improvement on this poor record next year. We see customer satisfaction as being important to the public of Sheffield.	During 2014/15 76% of complaints were dealt with within the Trust target of 25 days. It is believed that some of our complaints cannot be resolved in 25 days due to their complex nature.  A new complaints process will be piloted in Surgical Services in 2015. The new process sees the introduction of a tiered timescale for responding to complaints. This approach aims to ensure complaints are responded to in a timescale proportionate to the complexity and number of concerns raised.  Following a recent audit it was found that the complainants value being kept updated with their complaint, this is something we are addressing with the 2015/16 priority around complaints training.  A representative from Healthwatch Sheffield is a member of the Patient Experience Committee which has an oversight of the complaint work undertaken within the Trust.  Please see Part 2 for more information on this.
It is noted that "Community Services" are now substantially within the remit of the Trust but the reporting does not always make this clear. There is a need to raise public awareness about the linkages and for there to be clearer reporting of those linkages made in future Quality Accounts.	All appropriate Quality and Safety measures are reported by the Trust within the Quality Report ensuring a comprehensive overview of the services we deliver is provided. Community services data is included within this.
We can find no mention of what has happened to the recently re-commissioned Care Home Support Team who support the care of those with Dementia and end-of-life care in the Home. We raised this in last year's comments.	The Care Home Support Team will not be recommissioned from the 1st April 2015.
We would like to have seen greater emphasis on Giving patients a voice. Although this was one of last year's priorities, we feel it ought to be on-going and form an important element of feedback in the Quality Account.	Each year the results from the Trust patient surveys are reported within the Quality Report. Since the introduction of the Friends and Family Test we have reported the results within the Quality Report.  Please see section 2.2.3 in Part 2 of this report for an update on the giving patients a voice objective.

Discharge information is now routinely checked in all Improving discharge is of national importance and we would like to see how the Trust has improved the leaflets before publication. During 2014/15 890 patient experience and outcomes in next year's Account. information leaflets have been checked and revised, bringing the total to 88% (1518/1722) of patient information leaflets having been checked and revised since May 2013. The Trust has a series of programmes that are designed to optimise patient flow within the organisation. One of these work streams is concentrating on the improvement in the process needed for early, safe discharge of patients. Analysis shows that one of the barriers to early discharge is the timely dispensing of patients medication. The Trust is using the Listening into Action (LiA) Programme to understand how this process can be improved and is piloting the work within several surgical and medical wards at the Northern campus. This work will establish how to improve the process and will then be disseminated throughout the organisation. The mandatory part of the document (the Quality Please see response above. Report) contains required comparative data: this is very helpful to readers and ought to be repeated throughout the document, as well as, in an appropriate form, in the easier to read document. Priority One: It is important that patients know who is At the entrance of all wards there are boards clearly treating and supporting them in hospital at all times, explaining the uniforms of the different staff groups. so we approve of this priority. Arranging for patients' The Trust has introduced the use of blue names badges names and those of the consultant / lead nursing staff, as a supplement to the Trust identification badges consistently throughout the hospital is a step towards already worn by staff. These are designed to be easier improvement, but other measures such as suitable, to read and to be worn at eye-level. They clearly state clear and legible name badges, with title, might help. the name and job title of the staff member. Priority Two: Producing benchmark information is Changes to the complaints process have been important to indicate improvement or otherwise over proposed following completing this objective. time, but the aim should be about dealing with the Changes include a new process to 'fast track' issues complaints faster and more appropriately, and making which we are able to resolve quickly. The new serious attempts to minimise complaints overall. We process sees the introduction of a tiered timescale would be grateful to see the interim report when it is for responding to complaints. This approach aims to produced in October 2014. ensure complaints are responded to in a timescale proportionate to the complexity and number of concerns raised. Priority Four: We were not guite sure of the We appreciate that minimising waiting times is importance of this priority given that the Trust has important. Our aim with this priority was to look in achieved the national standard; nevertheless increased detail at the experience of patients whilst waiting as waiting times are important to patients and their this can be stressful for the patient and their carers carers; it could be argued that lengthy waiting times and may significantly impact on the overall patient

experience.

on this.

Please see section 2.4.4 in Part 2 for more information

increase stress levels and may even exacerbate existing

Experience. What is important is to reduce all waiting

times to less than the agreed national standard which

conditions, thus negatively affecting the Patient

currently stands at 18 weeks.

## **Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and policy Development Committee comments:**

Abridged comments	Our response
The Committee also welcomes the planned publication of an "easier to read" version of the document and thanks Healthwatch Sheffield for their involvement in this.	Please see response above.
With regards to priority principle 3 "to review mortality rates at the weekend" there remains a level of concern amongst the general public regarding differences in mortality rates at weekends. The Committee is therefore pleased to see that the Trust is planning further analysis around this national target and welcomes any action that will be taken to restore public confidence or address any identified differences. In addition the Committee would like to request that this analysis also includes mortality rates at Bank Holidays.	After feedback from the Committee the review of Bank Holidays was included in the finale objective. Please see section 2.4.3 in Part 2 for more information on this.

Abridged comments	Our response
As before, we feel that it is essential to continue to work on those priorities from previous years that have not been achieved and we understand that this carries the risk that the amount of work may increase each year, since priorities may take longer than a year to achieve.	The report includes information on three years of objectives. The monitoring of previous objectives are built into ongoing regular monitoring within the Trust therefore are not included in the report.
We appreciate the enormous amount of work that goes into the writing of this report and also that the largely prescribed text makes the report more difficult for non-hospital related readers to understand. Last year's summary version was a worthwhile attempt, but there is room for improvement and we look forward to the contribution from Healthwatch members this time round.	Please see response above.

## Statement from NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group

NHS Sheffield CCG (CCG) has reviewed the information provided by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in this report. In so far as we have been able to check the factual details, the CCG view is that the report is materially accurate and gives a fair picture of the Trust's performance.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides a very wide range of general and specialised services, and it is right that all of these services should aspire to make year-on-year improvements in the standards of care they can achieve.

Our view is that Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides, overall, high-quality care for patients, with dedicated, well-trained, specialist staff and good facilities.

During 2014-15 the Trust has continued to deliver high quality services and delivered on key quality performance measures such as Cancer Waiting Times and the non-admitted and incomplete 18ww targets.

The Trust has, however, continued to experience challenges in the delivery of the 'admitted' 18 weeks waiting time standard and has also identified a higher than expected number of 52 week wait breach patients in year. Following a significantly challenging winter period the trust also failed the 95% A&E target for the year. The CCG remains assured that the Trust continues to fully prioritise these areas of provision for improvement during 2015-16.

The CCG's overarching view is that Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust continues to provide services to a high standard. This quality report evidences that the Trust has achieved positive results against the majority of its key objectives for 2014/15. Where issues relating to clinical quality have been identified in year, the Trust has been open and transparent and the CCG has worked closely with the Trust to provide support where appropriate to allow improvements to be made.

The CCG is in agreement with the identified priority areas for improvement in 2015-16. Our aim is to pro-actively address issues relating to clinical quality so that standards of care and clinical governance are upheld whilst services continue to evolve to ensure they meet the changing needs of our local population. The CCG will continue to set the Trust challenging targets whilst at the same time incentivise them to deliver high quality, innovative services.

Submitted by Beverly Ryton on behalf of:

Kevin Clifford, Chief Nurse and Ian J Atkinson, Contract Lead STHFT

14 May 2015

#### Statement from Healthwatch Sheffield

Healthwatch Sheffield would like to acknowledge the work of the trust in including us throughout the Quality Reports process this year. This has led to a greater understanding from our point of view of the way in which priorities are chosen and monitored, and we are hoping to use this example of good practice to encourage other trusts to follow suit.

We note that the majority of the objectives for 2012/13 and 2013/14 are moving in the right direction, and that those that are not do appear to have plans in place to address this.

We are concerned that there have been delays in the implementation of the first objective for 14/15, to ensure that every hospital inpatient knows the name of their consultant and nurse, and hope to see good progress in this area in the forthcoming year.

We agree with the priorities chosen for 2015/16, and have been involved in the process of determining these.

We note that the response to the new staff survey question 'Staff agreeing that they would feel secure raising concerns about unsafe clinical practice' is below the national average, and although we accept this is a new question, we would like to see some evidence of a trust-wide action plan to work on this vital element of patient safety.

We have been aware for some time of the missed target on response times to complaints, and have raised our concerns around a specific area of this directly with senior trust staff. We will be monitoring this area closely as we do feel that this is an ongoing issue and will need to see some movement in the right direction early in 2015/16.

Lastly, we have had sight of the trust's response to last year's comments with which we are broadly happy. We have spoken to the trust at length about the issues with the production of last year's easy read version of this document and believe our closer incorporation into the process should ensure a more positive experience in 2015/16. We agree with the Trust that their 85% response target to complaints is not achievable in complex cases and suggest that the quality of both the final response and the communication during periods of waiting is as much if not more important than the total waiting time.

We thank the trust for the opportunity to comment on this document and look forward to working with them in the future.

#### 4.2 STATEMENT FROM OUR PARTNERS ON THE QUALITY REPORT 2014/15

#### Sheffield City Council's Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Sheffield City Council's Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee welcomes this opportunity to comment on this year's quality report.

The Committee feels that the quality priorities are appropriate, and through its work this year, has not been made aware of any concerns about the Trust's performance by members of the public. An issue around responding to a complaint on a specific ward was raised during Committee discussion, so we are pleased to see that improving and learning from the complaints process continues to be a priority for the Trust. The Committee was initially concerned to see the inclusion of safety as a quality priority, viewing safety as a fundamental requirement of healthcare providers. We were pleased to be assured that the inclusion of this priority was not in response to the Trust being unsafe, but driven by a national patient safety campaign.

The Committee is pleased to see that previous years' quality priorities continue to be monitored, however remains concerned at the slow progress made in reducing cancelled operations. The Committee will keep a watching brief on this issue over the coming year. The Committee notes that observed length of stay continues to be higher than expected across most specialties, but recognises that factors beyond the control of the Trust, namely social care capacity, can play a role here. The Committee will continue to monitor the range of activity being taken jointly across the city to reduce unnecessary hospital stays. The Committee is pleased to see that the focus remains on giving patients a voice, and that the Friends and Family Test (FFT) has been rolled out across the Trust. However we caution that the Friends and Family Test may not be appropriate for every type of appointment, and the Committee is pleased to hear that the Trust is working with Commissioners on the best way to approach to use of the Test.

The Committee looks forward to seeing the 'easy to read' version of the report, and hopes that this will be made widely available.

The Committee recognises that the mandatory timescales for production of the Quality Report can be problematic, and often requires Trusts to consult before they have full year performance information. The Committee will raise this with the Department of Health and Monitor.

## Governor involvement in the Quality Report Steering Group

The governors have participated in this report by contributing to the content and the wording from a patient's point of view.

Choosing the priorities for the Quality Report is always challenging. This year's choices, for 2015/16, are less clinical and, mostly, more to do with the quality of patients' experience.

As ever, the challenge will be to measure positive effects in a meaningful way.

As before, we feel that it is essential to continue to work on those priorities from previous years that have not been achieved, since achieving priorities may take longer than a year, even though we understand that this carries the risk that the amount of work may increase each year.

We appreciate the enormous amount of work that goes into the writing of this report and also that the largely prescribed text makes the report more difficult for non-hospital related readers to understand. A summary version that is sufficiently comprehensive to include those parts of the report important for patients to access and that is also readable by most patients, is therefore very important. The governors felt that last year's summary version did not adequately achieve this and look forward to a fresh attempt this year helped by a contribution from the Healthwatch member of the Quality Report Steering Group.

Andrew Manasse 30 April 2015

#### 4.3 STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE QUALITY REPORT

The directors are required under the Health Act 2009 and the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations to prepare Quality Accounts for each financial year.

Monitor has issued guidance to NHS foundation trust boards on the form and content of annual quality reports (which incorporate the above legal requirements) and on the arrangements that NHS foundation trust boards should put in place to support the data quality for the preparation of the quality report.

In preparing the Quality Report, directors are required to take steps to satisfy themselves that:

- the content of the Quality Report meets the requirements set out in the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual 2014/15 and supporting guidance
- the content of the Quality Report is not inconsistent with internal and external sources of information including:
  - board minutes and papers for the period April 2014 to May 2015
  - papers relating to Quality reported to the board over the period April 2014 to May 2015
  - feedback from commissioners dated 14 May 2015
  - feedback from governors dated 30 April 2015
  - feedback from local Healthwatch organisations dated 22 April 2015
  - feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 27 April 2015
  - the trust's draft complaints report to be published under regulation 18 of the Local Authority Social Services and NHS Complaints Regulations 2009, dated May 2015\*
  - the latest national inpatient survey May 2015, the latest national Accident and Emergency Department Survey September 2014 and the national Cancer Patient Experience survey September 2014
  - the latest national staff survey February 2015
  - the Head of Internal Audit's annual opinion over the trust's control environment dated 20 May 2015
  - CQC Intelligent Monitoring Reports published between April 2014 and March 2015

- the Quality Report presents a balanced picture of the NHS foundation trust's performance over the period covered
- the performance information reported in the Quality Report is reliable and accurate
- there are proper internal controls over the collection and reporting of the measures of performance included in the Quality Report, and these controls are subject to review to confirm that they are working effectively in practice
- the data underpinning the measures of performance reported in the Quality Report is robust and reliable, conforms to specified data quality standards and prescribed definitions, is subject to appropriate scrutiny and review and
- the Quality Report has been prepared in accordance with Monitor's annual reporting guidance (which incorporates the Quality Accounts regulations) (published at www.monitor.gov.uk/ annualreportingmanual) as well as the standards to support data quality for the preparation of the Quality Report (available at www.monitor.gov.uk/ annualreportingmanual).

The directors confirm to the best of their knowledge and belief they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the Quality Report.

By order of the board

Chairman 20 May 2015

Chief Executive

20 May 2015

<sup>\*</sup>Report to be published in June 2015

# 4.4 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS OF SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST ON THE QUALITY REPORT

We have been engaged by the Council of Governors of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to perform an independent assurance engagement in respect of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's Quality Report for the year ended 31 March 2015 (the Quality Report) and certain performance indicators contained therein.

#### Scope and subject matter

The indicators for the year ended 31 March 2015 subject to limited assurance consist of the following two national priority indicators:

- Percentage of incomplete pathways within 18 weeks for patients on incomplete pathways at the end of the reporting period; and
- Maximum waiting time of 62 days from urgent GP referral to first treatment for all cancers.

We refer to these two national priority indicators collectively as the 'indicators'.

## Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for the content and the preparation of the Quality Report in accordance with the criteria set out in the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual issued by Monitor.

Our responsibility is to form a conclusion, based on limited assurance procedures, on whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

- the Quality Report is not prepared in all material respects in line with the criteria set out in the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual;
- the Quality Report is not consistent in all material respects with the sources specified in the Detailed Guidance for External Assurance on Quality Reports 2014/15 (the Guidance); and
- the indicators in the Quality Report identified as having been the subject of limited assurance in the Quality Report are not reasonably stated in all material respects in accordance with the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual and the six dimensions of data quality set out in the Guidance.

We read the Quality Report and consider whether it addresses the content requirements of the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any material omissions.

We read the other information contained in the Quality Report and consider whether it is materially inconsistent with:

- Board minutes for the period April 2014 to May 2015;
- papers relating to quality reported to the Board over the period April 2014 to May 2015;
- feedback from Commissioners, dated 14 May 2015
- feedback from Governors, dated 30 April 2015
- feedback from Healthwatch Sheffield, dated 22 April 2015
- feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 27 April 2015;
- the Trust's draft complaints report to be published under regulation 18 of the Local Authority Social Services and NHS Complaints Regulations 2009, dated May 2015;
- the latest national inpatient survey May 2015;
- the latest national staff survey February 2015;
- the Head of Internal Audit's annual opinion over the trust's control environment dated 20 May 2015; and
- CQC Intelligent Monitoring Reports published between April 2014 and March 2015.

We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with those documents (collectively, the 'documents'). Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

We are in compliance with the applicable independence and competency requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Code of Ethics. Our team comprised assurance practitioners and relevant subject matter experts.

This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared solely for the Council of Governors of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a body, to assist the Council of Governors in reporting the NHS Foundation Trust's quality agenda, performance and activities. We permit the disclosure of this report within the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2015, to enable the Council of Governors to demonstrate they have discharged their governance responsibilities by commissioning an independent assurance report in connection with the indicators.

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To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Council of Governors as a body and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for our work or this report, except where terms are expressly agreed and with our prior consent in writing.

#### **Assurance work performed**

We conducted this limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) – 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information', issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ('ISAE 3000'). Our limited assurance procedures included:

- evaluating the design and implementation of the key processes and controls for managing and reporting the indicators;
- making enquiries of management;
- testing key management controls;
- analytical procedures;
- limited testing, on a selective basis, of the data used to calculate the indicator back to supporting documentation:
- comparing the content requirements of the NHS
   Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual to the
   categories reported in the Quality Report; and reading
   the documents.

A limited assurance engagement is smaller in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement. The nature, timing and extent of procedures for gathering sufficient appropriate evidence are deliberately limited relative to a reasonable assurance engagement.

Non-financial performance information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used for determining such information.

The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw allows for the selection of different, but acceptable measurement techniques which can result in materially different measurements and can affect comparability. The precision of different measurement techniques may also vary. Furthermore, the nature and methods used to determine such information, as well as the measurement criteria and the precision of these criteria, may change over time. It is important to read the quality report in the context of the criteria set out in the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual.

The scope of our assurance work has not included governance over quality or non-mandated indicators, which have been determined locally by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

#### Conclusion

Based on the results of our procedures, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that, for the year ended 31 March 2015:

- the Quality Report is not prepared in all material respects in line with the criteria set out in the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual;
- the Quality Report is not consistent in all material respects with the sources specified in the Guidance; and
- the indicators in the Quality Report subject to limited assurance have not been reasonably stated in all material respects in accordance with the NHS Foundation Trust Annual Reporting Manual and the six dimensions of data quality set out in the Guidance.

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