

SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
REPORT TO THE TRUST HEALTHCARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

21 March 2011

Subject:	Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratios
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Status¹	N

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To provide the HCGC with the current Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR) for Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 2010/11 (actual and rebased values) and equivalent values for other large FT's for comparative purposes.

To address a key recommendation in Prof Alberti's review of Mid Staffs Hospital

KEY POINTS:

Dr Foster reports the Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR) in their Hospital Guide to enable comparison of mortality rates across all hospitals in England.

Statistical models enable them to estimate the number of deaths at a trust.

STH NHSFT	HSMR April 2010 - Dec 2010
All Admissions	81.9 (78.2-85.7)
Elective Admissions	66.5 (51.9-83.9)
Non Elective Admissions	82.8 (79.0-86.7)

An HSMR of 81.9(rounded to 82) is "significantly lower than the national benchmark".

Dr Foster recalibrates the risk models (re-bases) annually to reset the average with the result that almost all HSMR's increase. The rebased value for STH NHSFT is currently 91 (87-95) and this remains significantly low (see attached funnel plot).

HSMR values for other large teaching hospitals are provided for comparative purposes (attached).

IMPLICATIONS²

Achieve Clinical Excellence	Yes. Low HSMR is reported by Dr Foster in the Hospital Guide.
Be Patient Focused	Yes.
Engaged Staff	Yes. Low HSMR indicates staff performing well and encourages engagement

LINKS WITH CQC ESSENTIAL STANDARDS OF QUALITY AND SAFETY:

Outcome	Assessing and Monitoring the Quality of Service Provision (16)
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RECOMMENDATION(S):

No action required as HSMR is currently significantly lower than the national benchmark. Recommend that HSMR status continues to be reported to Healthcare Governance Committee on a quarterly basis until new measure is introduced (Summary Hospital level Mortality Indicator, SHMI).

APPROVAL PROCESS

Meeting	Presented	Approved	Date

¹ Status: A = Approval

A* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval

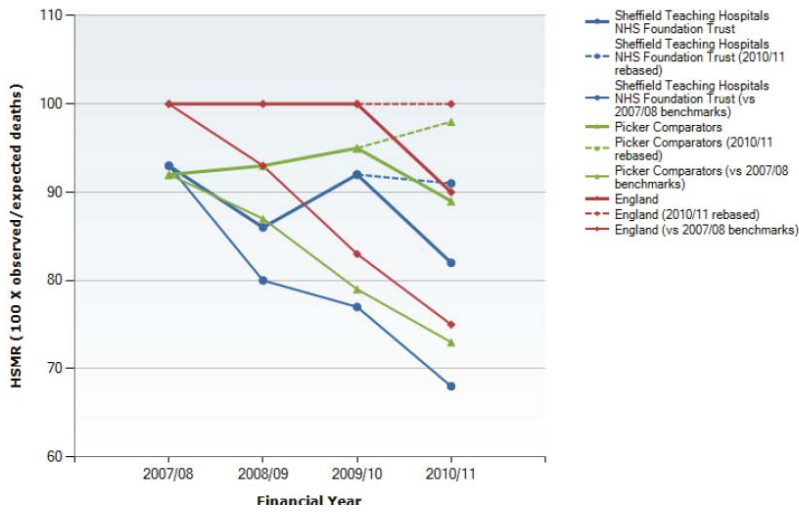
D = Debate

N = Note

² Against the three pillars (aims) of the STH Corporate Strategy 2008-2012

HSMR Trend

Trend in HSMR by Financial Year



Acute Trust HSMRs 2010/11 (Apr to Dec)

