

NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Meeting Date: 28 October 2015

Title and Author of Paper:

Director of Infection Prevention & Control and Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Report April to September 2015

Paper for Debate, Decision or Information:

Information

Key Points to Note:

- No cases of MRSA bacteraemia or C difficile infection.
- Cleanliness report
- Annual flu programme start
- EPRR update
- Change of DIPC and EPRR role

Outcome required:

Note content of report.

Director of Infection Prevention & Control and Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Report to the Board

October 2015 (covering reporting period April to September 2015)

Reported infections

Between April and September 2015 there were no reportable cases of MRSA bacteraemia or Clostridium difficile infection. There were no other reportable infections.

Cleanliness.

Exception reports from Maximiser cleanliness visits are reported to the DIPC and thence to the Trustwide Quality and Performance Group and Trust Board on a quarterly basis. The full Maximiser report is available to each Group Quality and Performance meeting. This process will make available to the Board information on where cleaning standards have fallen below the Trust standard minimum score of 95% for clinical areas and 92% for non clinical area, and actions taken to remedy the problem

The following areas failed to reach their required target score in this reporting period as follows:

Group	Site	Ward	Date	Score %	
Specialist	Northgate Hospital	KDU – Wansbeck	08/06/15	91.84%	No estates available - score fell below 95% target due to staffing issues which are being addressed
Specialist	Northgate Hospital	KDU – Cheviot	08/06/15	94.53%	No estates available - score fell below 95% target due to staffing issues which are being addressed
Specialist	St Nicholas Hospital	Aiden O/T	09/06/15	90%	Minor failures rectified; as this is a very small area a few failures brings the score down
Specialist	Central - Outlying areas	Plummer Court	15/07/15	93%	Issues with high/low dusting - buildings being demolished next door and windows having to be kept open due to warm weather; staff doing their best to keep the dust down
Specialist	Northgate Hospital	KDU – Cheviot	07/07/15	87%	On-going staffing issues, which are being dealt with
Specialist	Northgate Hospital	KDU – Wansbeck	07/07/15	92%	On-going staffing issues, which are being dealt with
Inpatient Care	Northgate Hospital	Belsay (Villa 7)	01/07/15	94%	Score fell slightly below target because of staffing issues due to sickness and holidays; all failures now rectified.

Specialist	St Nicholas Hospital	Alnwood - Lennox	07/07/15	92%	Reasons being sought
Specialist	St Nicholas Hospital	Aiden O/T	06/07/15	90%	Minor failures rectified; as this is a very small area a few failures brings the score down
Specialist	Central - Outlying areas	Plummer Court	07/08/15	92%	Issues with high/low dusting when windows are opened as buildings next door are being demolished
Specialist	St Nicholas Hospital	Bede	13/09/15	92%	Score fell below target due to building work taking place causing lots of dust; staff are doing their best to keep on top of this

Building work has been cited as an underlying reason for failures in three cases. The score for Plummer Court increased to 98% in the September assessment. The KDU units scored above 95% in September.

The previous quarterly report to Q and P indicated Maximiser failures for Bungalows 1, 2, 3 & 4 at Northgate Hospital. This was due to an error in the Servicetrac system, and all areas had, in fact, scored above 95%. Information on the failures in the KDU and Aiden O/T area was not available but have been included on this report.

Clinical nurse managers are contacted prior to production of this paper to ask if they have any concerns about clinical areas they manage. On this occasion no comments have been received.

2015 Flu Vaccination programme

The seasonal flu campaign of 2015/16 started on the 21st of September with 141 peer vaccinators trained to deliver the flu vaccine to both patients and staff. Recognising the importance of protecting patients in clinical risk groups from influenza and pneumococcal infection all our patients are supported and encouraged to be vaccinated where appropriate. Team prevent supported by the IPC matrons provide twenty staff vaccination clinics across the trust, commencing w/b 5th and 12th October. This is followed by the flu trailer staffed by the IPC matrons providing a venue for a further 16 flu clinics, moving across all of the Trust hospital sites.

To keep the campaign fresh and innovative the communication team have produced a series of animated drawings to deliver key messages. This has generated local media interest with interviews being given to both Metro FM and Sun FM.

National reporting to ImmForm commences 2/11/15 with monthly figures entered onto a national database. Local weekly reporting to the Cumbria and North East team will commence 19/10/15.

EPRR update.

The Trust is required to provide an annual assurance to NHS England on compliance with Core Standards for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR). A report was taken to the September Board of Directors meeting with the self-assessment of this year's

standards. Of the 52 standards applicable to Mental Health trusts, NTW are rated as green on 49 and amber on 3. No standards are rated as red and a workplan is in place to address the amber standards by the end of March 2016. A regional workshop is being held by NHS England in October to review any areas rated as amber or red.

Winter assurances have also been requested by CCG's and coordinated by NECS. Two regional workshops have been held to look at planning for winter 2015/16 and ensure that Systems Resilience Groups have comprehensive plans in place to respond to any challenges that may occur in the coming months.

In July, a disruption occurred to the main switchboard at St Nicholas Hospital which prevented calls coming in to the main switchboard number and other direct dial lines on the site. This was an intermittent problem over a period of a week which was eventually traced and resolved in liaison with Vodafone, Siemens and BT.

Also in July, a series of power outages resulted in problems with one of the three generators which provide backup power to the site. The first of these outages also resulted in the main server room overheating and IT systems automatically shutting down to protect themselves. Both incidents were STEIS reportable to Commissioners and After Action Reviews have taken place. Incident reports are currently being produced and will be taken to the Strategic Emergency Preparedness Group in due course.

Change of Director IPC and EPRR

Due to a change in portfolios, the future Director of IPC will be Ann Moore (Group Nurse Director, Specialist services) and the Director of EPRR will be Russell Patton (Group Operational Director, Inpatient services)

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October 2015