



George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
Quality Account
2011/12



Acknowledgements & Feedback

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We would like to acknowledge the helpful feed back from the PCT, LINKs Overview and Scrutiny committee

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Chairman's Introduction & Welcome

I am pleased to present the Trust's third annual Quality Account and reflect on a year which has again been increasingly challenging. The impact of national and local changes in how we work with our health and social care partners, in particular with those who commission our services, has dominated decisions on how we ensure the delivery of safe and quality care for the patients from the communities we serve.



I feel from every level of the organisation we have risen to meet these challenges and been proactive and innovative in doing so. Quality remains high on the Board's agenda and improvements are acknowledged, monitored and applauded as targets set are reached and set measures are achieved.

The 'quality' of the service we provide to our local communities and beyond will shape the organisation we strive to become in the future and engaging with our patients, the public, our staff, service users and our commissioners on how this can best be achieved is paramount at all times.

Opportunities for engagement and involvement to review and improve the quality of health care services we provide continue to take place and the Board have been delighted to work with colleagues from a number of stakeholder organisations, in the primary and secondary care sector, on the issue of quality at every level of the patient pathway through the services, they and, we provide.

The Members Advocacy Panel (MAP), are the most active of our 10,000 plus strong membership base, who volunteer their time and are the catalyst to ensuring effective and meaningful engagement takes place at every opportunity.

A recently restructured Patients Advocacy Forum (PAF), consisting of Members Advocates and a number of the original Patient Forum members, has a robust and active work plan in place. Specific projects include looking at Discharge Arrangements, Communication, Frail, Elderly and Bereavement Services. The PAF also regularly attend meetings, workshops and other forums within the hospital to feed back and are part of group discussions on quality, patient safety and experience, nutrition, pharmacy, pathology, dignity, equality and diversity to name but a few. As ambassadors for the Trust their work is vital in relaying positive messages, feeding back views and opinions from the Trust's membership and sharing informed and accurate information in a timely manner to support and inform the decision-making process which takes place at Board level.

The work of the MAP is imperative to enable the Trust to gain the views and the opinions of our membership, patients and the public we serve as at every opportunity the Trust champions a more responsive and closer working relationship with its public, patient/carer and staff membership.

Over 2011/12 we have engaged with our membership carrying out surveys where a general questionnaire on services and what people think about us included key questions like 'what does quality mean to you?', 'what do we do well?' and 'what could we do better?' etc.

Other community based surveys have taken place - one focussing on the awareness of the future direction of the organisation and another looking at travel to the hospital from rural parts of the catchment population we serve i.e. North Warwickshire and Hinckley and

Bosworth areas. Results from these surveys are essential to the steer of the organisation and the forward plans we will make.

As in 2010, our members advocates have been instrumental in supporting our review of key priorities from 2011/12, the setting of key priorities for 2012/13 along with offering their views on the style, layout and look of this year's Quality Account. Their contribution is well received and key in the build up to the publication of the final Quality Account document, which I now commend to you for 2011/12.

Section 1 – Statement from Chief Executive

Over the past year I have been privileged to see at first hand on many occasions the remarkable services our hospital and community and primary services offers. Throughout this account we will share with you some examples of our work to improve safety and the quality of our patient care.



We set ourselves four priority areas for improvement in 2011/12. In this account we look back and describe progress against the following key elements:-

Do No Harm

Apply Best Practice

Create a Positive Memorable Experience

During the year we have reviewed our Trust vision, core values and strategic objectives. The core value pledges have been developed by staff and have been distilled into a simple mnemonic that will be used to engage both existing and new staff in the achievement of the Trust vision. They are:

Our Vision:

“To Excel at Patient Care.”

Our Core Value Pledges:

Effective Open Communication

EXcellence in All That We Do

Challenge but Support

Expect Respect and Dignity

Local Healthcare that Inspires Confidence

The launch of the above will happen in early 2012/13 and is currently being planned. The Board agreed the launch will be led by our Non Executive Directors. Going hand in hand with the launch will be a review of the Trust's Quality strategy to ensure it reflects the revised vision and pledges. Our priorities for 2012/13 have been set with the above in mind.

A summary of some of our activities during 2011/12 are detailed below:-

Preventing infections in our hospital remains a very high priority. In 2011, the Trust was highlighted as one of just twenty five acute hospitals in the country to report no cases of hospital acquired MRSA blood stream bacteraemia between June 2010 and June 2011, which is to be commended. After a 23 month clear period we had our first MRSA bacteraemia in December 2011. However, despite this set back, it is important to stress how far the hospital has come in reducing such infections in recent years.

We have expanded our extensive safety programme, and introduced many innovative clinical practices (such as reducing preventable patient falls and pressure ulcers) , we have introduced a risk newsletter for staff, through which we share learning from serious incidents. We have done considerable work to improve the quality of care for patients with dementia, working closely with patients, and their carers and families.

The Trust has worked with Breakthrough Breast Cancer to produce a local Service Pledge for Breast Cancer. The aim of the Service Pledge is to ensure that patients know what to expect from their breast service. It sets out standards of service that can be expected in the organisation of services, waiting times for tests and treatment and the commitment to treating all patients as individuals, with an emphasis on clear explanations and a willingness to listen to patient views.

The breast care team has already started to implement some of the changes set out in the pledge. This included the launch of a new 'buzzer' system for patients waiting to receive chemotherapy, which enables patients freedom to walk around the site rather than sitting in the waiting area and they will be 'buzzed' when they are ready to be seen.

The Trust is working in partnership with the Nuneaton Training Centre to offer work experience to local youngsters as part of a new Access to Apprenticeship scheme. Ten students from the training centre have begun a five-month work experience programme in administration positions across the hospital.

The scheme aims to give the students valuable experience and training that can be used on their CV to improve their chances of finding permanent employment and the opportunity to continue with their apprenticeship.

Currently there is an acute focus on our mortality rate following the publication of two sets of data in Autumn 2011 which showed the Trust as having a higher than expected mortality rate. Following the release of the data the Trust's Board of Directors instructed an external organisation to conduct an independent review into the Trust's mortality indicators. The key findings and actions from the external review were shared at the Board meeting in February and the reduction of our mortality rate is one of our key priorities in 2012/13. Please see section 3 for further details.

We have introduced a new Compliance, Performance and Finance Board report which includes a set of indicators covering all aspects of the Trust's performance, including quality measures, safety and patient experience. We have also revised the monthly Quality Report to Board. Both reports give the public and staff better quality information about the performance of our hospital in the areas that matter to them.

In early 2011 the Board met a commitment to invest over £1 million pounds in increasing the ratio of qualified to unqualified nurses at the Trust to a 60:40 ratio. This project was completed in November and culminated in the creation of 32 nursing posts.

In the latter half of 2011 the Trust reviewed its divisional structures and also directors' portfolios with a view of making the Trust more clinically effective and efficient.

During 2011 there has been a big focus on engagement with staff and the community as a whole. It is important for as many staff as possible to access open sessions to hear the latest news from their most senior colleagues thus 'Chat with the Chairman and Chief Executive' were introduced to update and consult with staff, but also for staff to raise concerns in a friendly and informal setting. To date almost 200 staff have attended to

discuss key issues including mortality rates, women's and children's consultation, Foundation Trust and finances. Feedback received to date has been very positive.

A number of community engagement events have also been held which include visits to the Sikh Mission Centre and Anmol Day Care Centre supported by PALS Multi-lingual co-worker, as well as meetings with Leicestershire GP's, local Councillors and community forums. Key messages included the future of the George Eliot Hospital and local services.

We will continue our improvements in the areas identified in the 2010/11 Quality Account and this year we have engaged with both members and staff and identified another four areas to prioritise:

1. Reductions in hospital standardised mortality ratios
2. Ensuring high quality care for older people, including those who have fallen or are at high risk of falls, or have poor bone health and those suffering from dementia
3. Ensuring services are fair, personal and diverse to all our patients and staff
4. Improving the experience for all our patients

Our Quality Account is presented in three main sections. In the following section we set out our priorities for 2012/13, and describe (1) why we have chosen them and (2) how we will deliver and measure the improvement. In section three we look back over 2011/12 and summarise our performance against the priorities we set ourselves.

Section three includes detailed information on the safety and experience of patients in the range of services we provided through 2010/11 and our performance against national and local metrics. It sets out who has helped us determine the priorities and content of our Quality Account in line with current legislation and national requirements.

I am aware that this is a time of great uncertainty within the NHS nationally and also locally in relation to the work on securing a sustainable future for George Eliot Hospital. It is understandable that people and staff may worry at such a time but we are confident that we can face these challenges so our staff are secure and can continue to provide both high quality and safe care for our patients. The ethos of the Trust is and continues to be, that patient care is our highest priority and we will not lose sight of that.

Our Account includes statements about it from commissioning PCTs, the Local Involvement Network (LINK) and the local Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), and details of changes we have made as a result of their feedback.

I hereby state that to the best of my knowledge the information within the quality account is accurate.

1.2 Statement of Director's Responsibilities in respect of the Quality Account

The Directors are required under the Health Act 2009, National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010 and National Health Service (Quality Account) Amendment Regulation 2011 to prepare Quality Accounts for each financial year. The Department of Health has issued guidance on the form and content of annual Quality Accounts (which incorporate the above legal requirements).



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

- the Quality Account presents a balanced picture of the Trust's performance over the period covered;
- the performance information reported in the Quality Account is reliable and accurate;
- there are proper internal controls over the collection and reporting of the measures of performance included in the Quality Account, 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 Account is robust and reliable, conforms to specified data quality standards and prescribed definitions, is subject to appropriate scrutiny and review; and the Quality Account has been prepared in accordance with Department of Health guidance.



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

By order of the Board

Chairman

Chief Executive

Section 2: Quality Improvement Priorities 2012/13

Guidance from the Department of Health suggests that organisations choose between three and five priorities for quality improvement based on clinical effectiveness, patient safety and patient experience.

How we prioritised our Quality Improvement Priorities

In order to identify the highest priorities for quality improvement in 2012/13, the Quality Account Review Group (QARG), chaired by the Medical Director considered performance on effectiveness of care, patient safety and patient experience.

Based upon information gathered from a wide range of sources e.g. our internal complaints system, what our patients, public, members advocacy panel and staff have told us, patient surveys, both local and national, performance information, such as the CQUIN outcomes views, considered the progress we have made during 2011/12 and analysed the wealth of information that is available both locally and nationally.

There are many areas where we want to make progress but we cannot address everything at the same time.

Therefore the Executives identified a small number of principles to help determine our top priorities.

- There must be a clear evidence base for delivering quality improvement
- There must be a clear measurable metric and a robust baseline available
- The priority must support delivery of the Trust's strategic objectives
- The priority area will support delivery of the Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) agenda for the local health economy.



We have identified our top priorities for 2012/13 for improving quality and our aim will be to continue to demonstrate improvement in the following three headings:



Improving Quality

Clinical Effectiveness



1. Reductions in Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio
2. Ensuring high quality care for older people, including those who have fallen or are at high risk of falls, or have poor bone health and those suffering from dementia

Patient Safety



3. Ensuring personalised and responsive services are in place for all our patients and staff

Patient Experience



4. Improving the Patient Experience for all Our Patients

Clinical Effectiveness

Priority 1: Reductions in Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio

Why is this a priority area?

The Trust had set a target of reducing its HSMR to 95 in 2011/12. However, in 2011 two sets of data were released that showed the Trust as having a higher than expected mortality ratio. Dr Foster's Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR) released in November showed the Trust as having a rate of 117 against a baseline figure of 100. The Department of Health released its new mortality data called the Standardised Hospital Mortality Indicator (SHMI) which showed the Trust as having a rate of 1.21 against a baseline figure of 1.

The Board recognised that mortality ratings are a helpful trigger to investigate any underlying issues, but they should not be used in isolation to rate the quality of patient care. Therefore the Trust's Board of Directors instructed an external organisation to conduct an independent review into the Trust's mortality indicators exploring three key areas to:

Understand the Quality of Care

To identify factors that may be adversely impacting on the quality and delivery of care and patient safety. The focus of the investigation was on processes, pathways, organisational structures and capabilities, clinical services and specialties, workforce deployment and cultural aspects.

Understand the Population and Environment



To examine external factors that may have an impact on both clinical outcomes and on the demand load and mix that the George Eliot Hospital experiences.

Assess information & systems that are used

To look at the Trust's processes for the management of information at clinical, operational and strategic levels, including clinical coding.

The four key recommendations that emanated from the review are as follows:-

- Require and support clinical responsibility for high quality care
- Improve patient flow
- Improve information to inform effective decision making
- Integration, co-operation and alignment with the wider health community

We have recognised following the mortality review that the ambition to achieve a HSMR of 95 in 2011/12 was over ambitious. The Board recognise that the reduction in HSMR is not a short term goal, but a long term one. The reduction in the mortality ratio will continue to be a priority for 2012/13 with a more realistic HSMR target being set which we will work towards by demonstrating an improvement which can be sustained year on year.

The Board have agreed that a HSMR target of 110 will be set in 2012/13, looking to achieve and sustain a HSMR of 95 within the next 5 years.

What will we do?

We will undertake focussed work in four areas:

- We will work to improve patient flow by ensuring patients are admitted to the appropriate ward and remain there
- We will develop an Information management strategy to improve and inform effective decision making
- We will address current issues in clinical coding as a priority
- We will align GEH, community services and capacity to the needs of the local population



Target for 2012/13

- By March 2013 we will be able to demonstrate that our HSMR mortality ratio and SHMI ratio have reduced by at least 5%
- Implementation and review of the action plan emanating from the mortality review
- By March 2013 a clear strategy will be in place which will improve access to key patient summary information at the point of care.

Director Lead: Medical Director

Monitored by: Mortality Group, Board of Directors

Priority 2: Ensure High Quality Care for Older People, including those who have fallen or are at high risk of falls, or have poor bone health and those suffering from dementia.



Why is this a priority area?

Population forecasts for the coming years indicate a significant increase in the number of people aged over 65 in the population serviced by George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust. As life expectancy increases, so does the likelihood of more patients spending more time in hospital due to ill health.

There have been significant developments in work at the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust in terms of the Osteoporosis service and Falls clinic which are contributing to the enormous task of improving falls and bone health of the local population, but we want to take this further by developing and establishing a clear care pathway.

. A particularly vulnerable group of older people are those with dementia, and a National Audit Office Report in 2010 highlighted significant shortcomings in the care provided to these patients in acute hospitals. The national dementia strategy reports that people with dementia in general hospitals have worse outcomes in terms of length of stay, mortality and institutionalisation. The results from the National Audit of Dementia Care in General Hospitals published in 2011 show that our performance is average for an acute Trust. We will work to ensure we continue to improve our care for patients with dementia.



What will we do?

We will undertake focussed work in five areas:

- We will ensure that assessment of older people and especially the frail elderly is robust and timely to ensure prompt and appropriate intervention from appropriate professionals.
- We will ensure that an effective falls and bone health care pathway is implemented by 2013.
- We will promote awareness in the general population that falls and poor bone health are not an inevitable part of getting older and enable people to be active in achieving good health & well-being.
- We will develop a strategy for how we will further improve services for patients with dementia. This will include a plan for how we ensure patients with dementia/delirium and their carers are identified and treated appropriately whilst in our care; and how we will ensure that staff have the necessary knowledge and skills through developing and implementing a robust awareness raising/training plan.
- We will implement a common system for information and performance management, including the implementation of a local falls register; participate in national and local audit programmes e.g. National Falls and Bone Health audits.



Target for 2012/13

- By March 2013 a clear strategy will be in place to improve the care of patients with dementia
- Adopt and implement the New Cross Hospital model for 'delivering excellence in dementia care in Acute hospitals'
- By March 2013 implemented an information and performance management system

Director Lead: Director of Nursing & Quality

Monitored by: Quality & Risk Committee

Patient Safety

Priority 3: Ensuring Services are Fair, Personal and Diverse to all our Patients and Staff

Why is this a priority area?

Social class, poverty, deprivation, autism and mental health etc are often closely related to the incidence of ill-health and the take-up of treatment. In addition, many people with characteristics afforded protection under the Equality Act 2010 are challenged by these factors. As a result, they experience difficulties in accessing, using and working in the NHS. For this reason, work which focuses on improving performance across the board and reducing gaps between groups and communities, is best suited to addressing health inequalities.



Central to the Equality and Diversity System are the following four core objectives:

1. Better health outcomes for all
2. Improved patient access and experience
3. Empowered, engaged and inclusive staff
4. Inclusive leadership

What will we do?

We will undertake focussed work in two areas:

- We will work to ensure the services delivered are fair and personal and that throughout the organisation, equality is everyone's business, with everyone expected to take an active part, supported by the work of specialist equality leaders and champions. This will not be a 'quick fix' but we are determined to demonstrate our commitment to delivery of services that are fair and personal.
- We will have developed and implemented a training programme to ensure staff have the necessary knowledge and skills for delivering fair and personal services.



Target for 2012/13

- Evidence of service improvement through our patient and staff surveys
- By March 2013 have implemented a training programme.

Director Lead: Associate Director of Community Services

Monitored : Equality and Diversity Group

Patient Experience

Priority 4: Improving the patient experience for all our patients

Why is this a priority area?

We see large numbers of people in both our hospital and community environment. In 2011/12 there were over 90,000 patients seen. The independent national inpatient survey for 2011 showed that overall patients had a similar experience in our hospital to last year.



Patient feedback indicates that there are areas we can improve in our outpatient services, in relation to wayfinding, information provision (prior to, during and after appointment) and reducing the level of rescheduled appointments. With so many people using our outpatient services, any improvements in this area will improve the patient experience for a large number of people.

The NHS Midlands and East SHA Cluster was established in October 2011 as a transition body. The 'patient revolution' was put at the heart of their work programme. From April 2012 the NHS Midlands and East SHA has endorsed the implementation of a headline metric for monitoring real time patient experience data across the NHS in its region. To this effect the following generic net promoter question is to be asked to a minimum sample of 10% of inpatients being discharged.

'How likely is it that you would recommend this service to friends and family?'

What will we do?

Currently we are focusing on our acute services and we will work to improve the patient's experience of using both our inpatient and outpatient services as follows:

Outpatients

We will undertake specific focussed work in the following two areas:

Improved way finding: we will work to ensure that the outpatient environment is as welcoming with enough chairs for patients/carers, tidy and relevant displays of patient information, professional friendly staff and adequate signage to departments and wards.

Improved information and communication: we will work to improve information and communication before, during and after the outpatient visit. We will do this by working with patients, patient groups, carers and staff to identify the specific actions that can be taken to further improve the patient experience.





Inpatients

We will undertake specific focussed work in the following area:

Net promoter question: we will work to ensure that patients at the end of their care e.g. on the day of discharge or up to 48 hours post discharge are asked the friends and family test. We will do this by working with staff, volunteers and patient forum members to improve the patient experience .

Target for 2012/13

- To improve our rating in the 2012 outpatient survey so that we are within the top 50% of Trusts in relation to overall satisfaction.
- To improve the number of positive comments made in our local patient experience feedback and where a written complaint is received, improve the length of time taken to resolve a complaint.
- To be in the top 50% of Trust's performance regarding the net promoter question.

Director lead: Medical Director

Monitored by: Patient Experience Group/ Board of Directors

Section Three: Looking Back on 2011/12:

In this section we compare what we actually did in 2011/12 with what we set out to achieve (described in our 2010/11 Quality Account).

We have made progress against the priorities and key performance targets we set ourselves for 2011/12 (as described in our 2010/11 Quality Account). Some of our key achievements are:

- We have developed an ongoing training programme addressing issues of care for older people
- We are successfully achieving our CQUIN target for reducing hospital acquired pressure sores and have not had a grade 4 pressure sore since June 2011.
- We have worked with patient and carer representatives to develop a new end of life care information leaflet.
- We have achieved the A&E four hour waiting time. Performance for the year is over 95%.
- Maternity Unit were successful in passing stage 1 of the UNICEF baby friendly initiative encouraging new mothers to breast feed and promoting health benefits of breast feeding
- Specific achievements relating to our cancer services include:
 - The successful launch of our breast cancer service pledge
 - Opening of the Macmillan Cancer Information Centre
 - 23 hour enhanced recovery introduced for breast care and colorectal
 - Development of an acute oncology service on site supported by Macmillan
 - End of life and care of the dying service developed
 - Trust has employed a nurse specialist who supports the palliative care consultant and Liverpool care pathway.



Priority One - To reduce unavoidable harm (at GEH)

Reducing our HSMR to 95

The Hospital Standardised mortality ratio (HSMR) is a measure of a hospital's death rate compared to the average. For each year the average will be a 100. Our latest annual Dr Foster HSMR was 117. During 2011 the Standardised Hospital Mortality Indicator (SHMI) was introduced, the trust performance was 1.2 against an average of 1. Both Dr Foster and SHMI indicate a higher than expected mortality rate.



Following the release of the HSMR and SHMI data, the Trust's Board of Directors instructed an external organisation to conduct an independent review into the Trust's mortality indicators. The review explored key areas:

- Quality of information recorded by clinical and coding teams regarding each patient's condition, treatment and care
- Quality and safety of care being provided to patients and whether any improvements can be made
- What if any aspect, can be attributed to external factors outside the Trust's control

From November 2011 we have introduced a weekly retrospective case note review of all deaths by a multi disciplinary team to improve the accuracy, depth and identification of co-morbidities to ensure data and coding is of good quality.

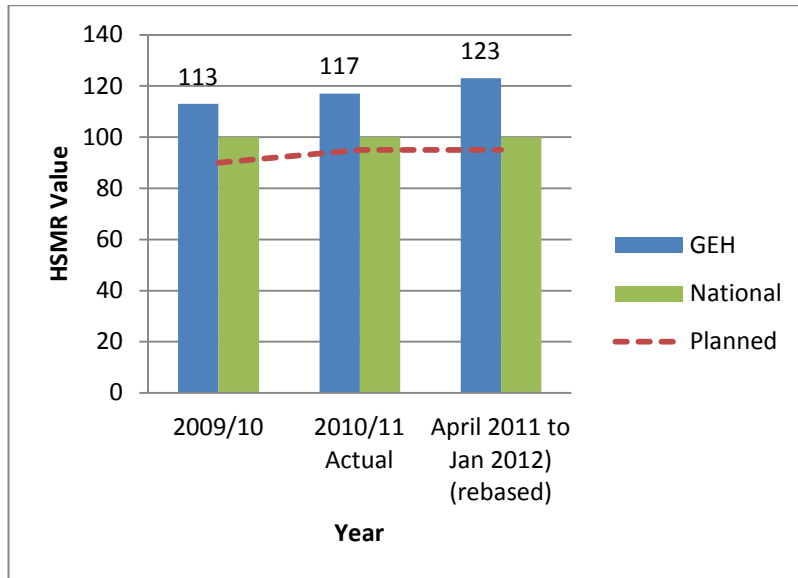
The Board receives regular updates via the Quality report on the Trust's HSMR data. In 2012 the Trust has introduced a programme whereby a representative from Dr Foster will be invited to meet with the Board of Directors



We received the final report in February 2012, and we have already initiated an action plan to reduce our HSMR, which we have shared with both Commissioners and the SHA and is being monitored monthly by the Board. The reduction of our HSMR will continue to feature as a key priority for 2012/13.

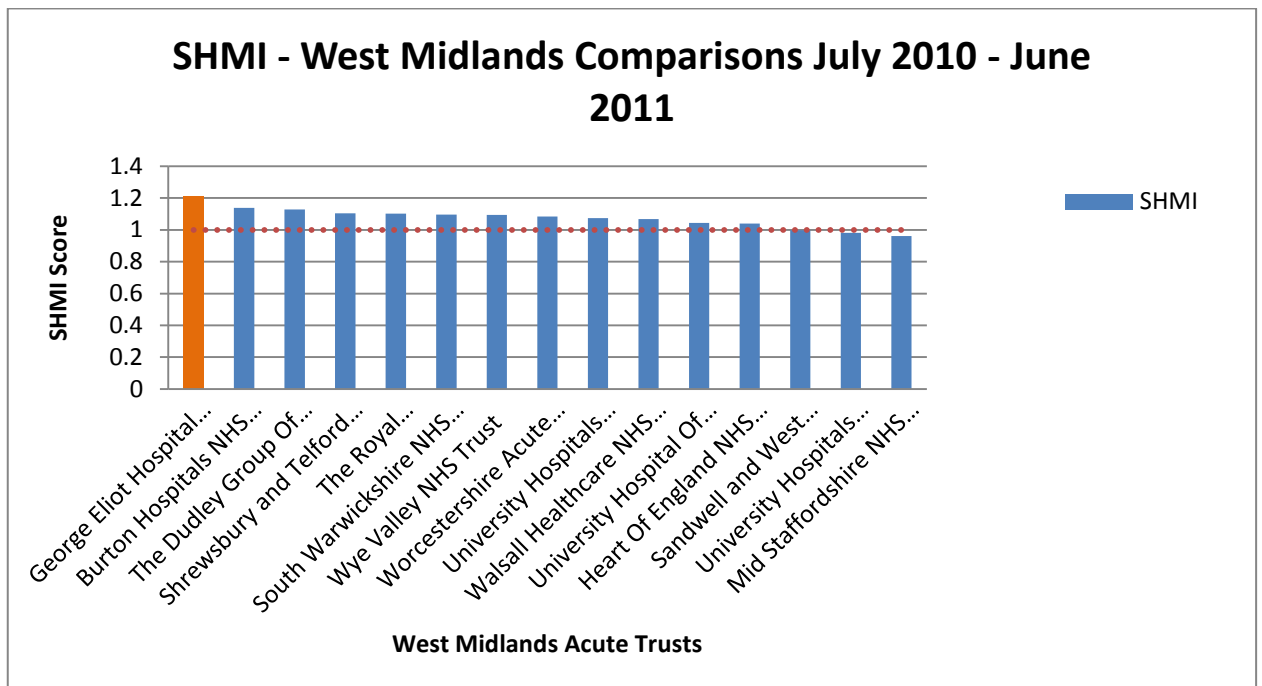
Below is a table which compares the Trust's performance with the national performance and shows our performance against our internal HSMR of 95 for 2011/12.

The HSMR figure for the month of December fell for the first time below 100 (94.8). The Trust is looking to sustain and embed this improvement, recognising that it is not going to happen in the short-term. The Trust is going to set a target for 110 for 2012/13 and look to achieve and embed processes within the next five years to achieve a rate of 95.



Source: Dr Foster's Real Time Monitoring (RTM) – 2009-2012

The graph below shows the GEH SHMI performance against West Midlands Acute Trusts SHMI



X *Reduce the percentage of moderate or severe clinical incidents by 20% by 2012*

The Trust set a target of reducing its percentage of incidents by 20%, i.e. reduce the amount of incidents resulting in harm reported.

In 2011/12 there was a reduction in the number of incidents reported compared to last year of 44 (1%), but the number of externally reportable incidents increased by 16.8%.

Indicator	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Total number of Incidents	3160	4135	4091
SIRIs classed as severe requiring external reporting	37	101	118
SIRIS classed as moderate (not externally reportable)	N/a	n/a	113*
Ratio of incident to total activity			Tbc

*Analysis of incident data by moderate categories only started to be collected for the full year in 2011/12.

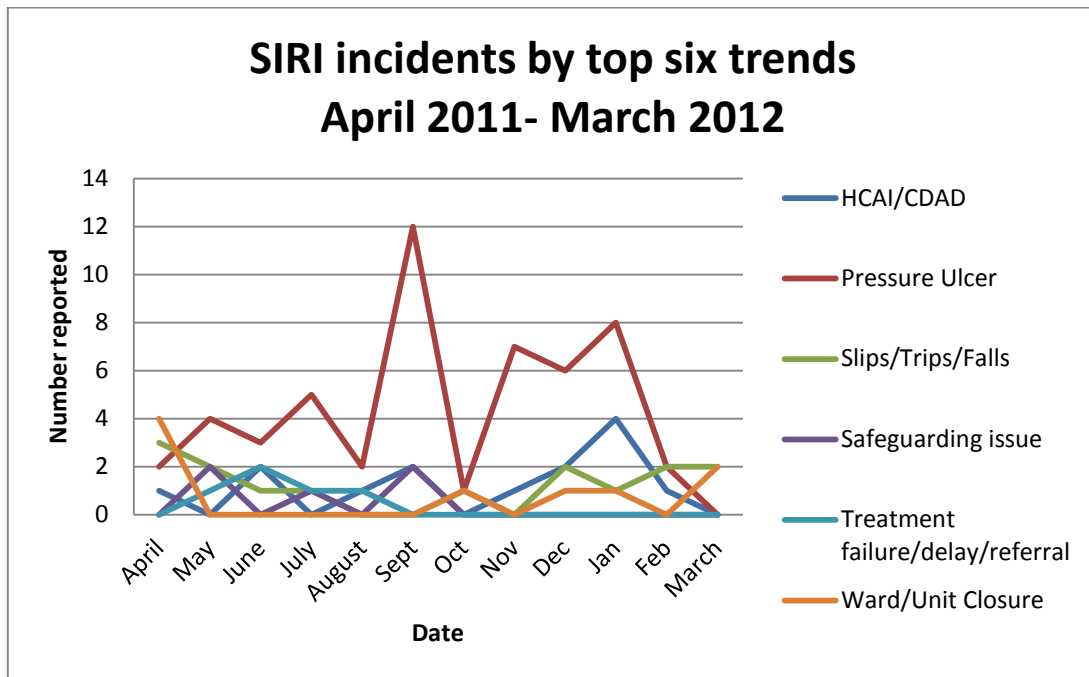
In late 2010/11 organisations were required to report slips/trips and falls that resulted in a fracture or a head injury as an externally reportable incident. In 2010/11 the Trust reported only 6 incidents under this revised category, whereas in 2011/12 the Trust reported 15.

In addition, the Trust experienced the closure of a number of wards due to norovirus in April 2011 and March 2012, which equated to a total of 9 incidents being reported.

From April 2011 all incidents were date stamped to clearly identify the cut off point for the year end as 31 March 2012. Any incidents received after this date even if it is an incident that occurred prior to the 31 March will be reported in the new reporting year. This may affect the total number of incidents reported for the year but allow a consistency in reporting going forward. This may explain why there appear to be less incidents reported in 2011/12 compared to 2010/11.

During 2011 the Trust revised its incident reporting mechanism to make it more efficient and user friendly. On-line incident reporting was introduced and a new carbonated paper system introduced for those areas that may not have access to computers or who have staff that prefer a paper system.

The graph below identifies the top six external reporting trends for the year 2011/12

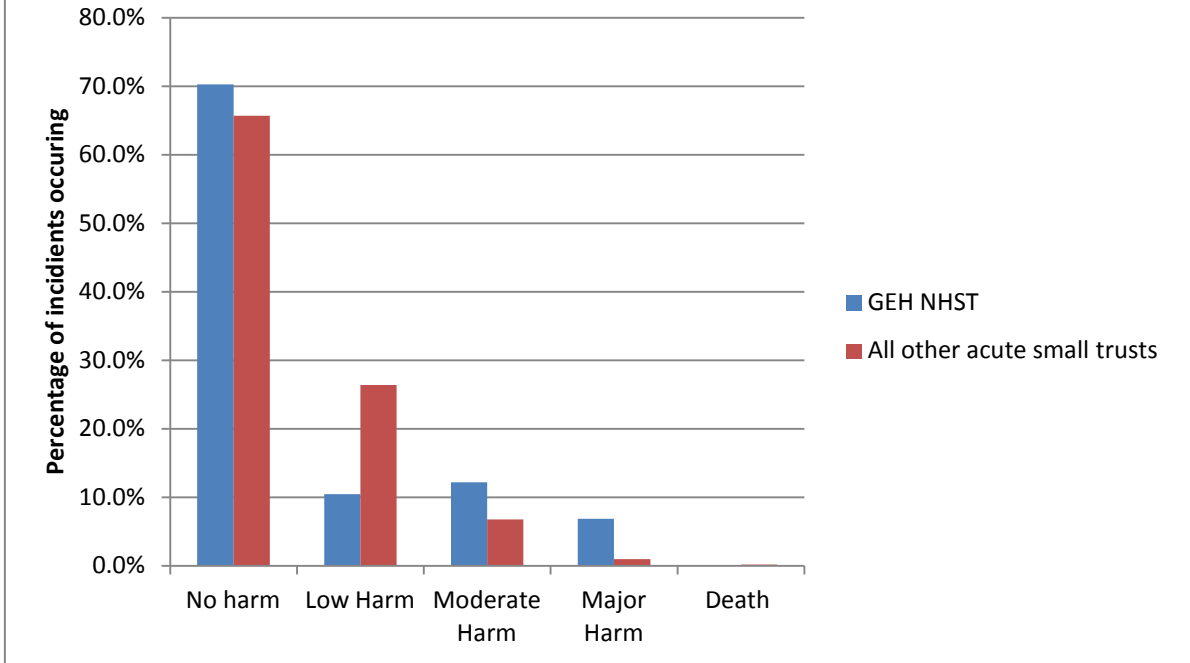


The national criteria for reporting never events increased from 7 in 2010 to 25 in 2011. In February 2012 the Trust reported 4 never events, the findings from these investigations is still awaited. This is the first time the Trust has reported an incident as a never event.

During 2011 the Trust set up a Serious Incident Group (SIG) chaired by the Medical Director with membership consisting of both clinical and non clinical staff. This group meets monthly and reports to the Quality and Risk Committee. The group acts as the principal source of advice and expertise to the Trust Board on serious incidents and is responsible for supporting the Trust Board in assuring them that serious incidents are investigated, reviewed and acted upon appropriately and that lessons learned are implemented and monitored.

All patient safety incidents are monitored by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) via the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) on a weekly basis. Every six months the NRLS produce a comparative report comparing the Trust with 30 similar sized acute Trusts. This data is published on the NPSA website. The graph below is the latest comparative reporting rate summary which provides an overview of incidents reported by the Trust to the NRLS between April 2011 and September 2011. This data is the most recent available, published in March 2012. In comparison to previous data the Trust has made significant improvements in no harm, a slight improvement in death and we have remaining work to do in moving severe and moderate to low.

**National Reporting & Learning System Comparative Report George Eliot NHS Trust
1 April - 30 September 2011 (Latest Data)**





Achieve the national Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) target for venous thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment (the standard is for 90% of eligible patients over the age of 18 to be risk assessed within 24 hours of admission to hospital)

The Trust receive 1/12th of funding from the Commissioner for each month it achieves over 90%. The Trust's performance for 2011/12 is 91.95%. There was one month (April) where the Trust's performance was below 90% (89.06%).

Indicator	2009/10	2010/11 Actual	Trajectory 2011/12	2011/12 (March 2012) TBC
VTE (% of patients receiving a VTE risk assessment)	Not collected	80%	90%	91.95%



In line with CQUIN targets, reducing incidents of hospital acquired grade 2 pressure ulcers by 30% and grade 3 and 4 pressure ulcers by 50%, compared to 2010/11 figures.

The Trust is hitting its performance (CQUIN) targets for reduction in pressure sores and no concerns have been raised by regulatory bodies with regards to our performance in this particular area. A definition of pressure sores can be found in the glossary.

The Trust has a policy of recording all hospital acquired (post 72 hours from admission) pressure ulcers, regardless of whether they are considered 'avoidable' or 'unavoidable' and regardless of grade. Some organisations will not record avoidable pressure ulcers or 'grade one' ulcers. The Trust has chosen to take this approach to ensure patients receive appropriate treatment as quickly as possible, thereby preventing and reducing the most serious ulcers.

During 2010 the Trust launched its pressure ulcer programme (P.U.P.s) campaign to highlight to staff not only the causes of pressure sores, but also the impact on patient care. In its second year, the campaign continues to thrive and in February 2012 awards were given for the:

- Supreme Champion – Melly Ward
- Reserve - Coronary Care Unit and
- Rising Star – Felix Holt





Tissue Viability has shown an improvement in the numbers of grade 2 pressure sores for 2011/12 being reporting compared to the same period in 2010/11. The Trust was set a threshold of 264, and the Trust reported 213.

The Trust reported 7 hospital acquired grade 4 pressure ulcers (the most serious) in 2011/12 with the last case recorded in June 2011 compared to 10 in 2010/11.

The Trust reported 9 hospital acquired grade 3 pressure sores in 2011/12 compared to 33 in 2010/11. The Trust had its first quarter (January - March 2012) without a grade 3 pressure ulcer being recorded .

Despite this success the Trust was highlighted in the national media in January 2012 as having a high percentage of patients developing hospital acquired pressure sores. At the time the Trust raised serious concerns about the way the data was being reported as there is no standard way for reporting such data at a national level and therefore we believed it was not an accurate comparison.

Priority Two - Infection prevention and control

Reducing incidence of bacteraemia (MSSA and E-Coli) by 5% below the national trajectory

The DH extended mandatory surveillance to include Meticillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) and *Escherichia* (*E.coli*) bacteraemia from the 1st January and 1st June 2011 respectively.

There were no objective levels set for 2011/12 but it is envisaged that this may be introduced from 2012/13 onwards. However, the Trust has appropriate recording processes in place.



MSSA Bacteraemia

Meticillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) is a strain of the bacteria (germ) *staphylococcus aureus*. It is commonly found on human skin and mucosa (lining of mouth, nose etc). The bacteria lives completely harmlessly on the skin and in the nose of about one third of normal health people. This is called colonisation or carriage. *Staphylococcus aureus* causes abscesses, boils and it can infect wounds - both accidental wounds such as grazes and deliberate wounds such as those made when inserting an intravenous drip or during surgery. These are called local infections. It may

then spread further into the body and cause serious infections such as bacteraemia (blood poisoning). [Health Protection Agency, 2009].

From 1st April 2011 to date the Trust has had 9 cases apportioned to the Trust (i.e. Blood cultures taken and confirmed MSSA bacteraemia post 48 hours of admission).

Escherichia coli (E.coli) bacteraemia

Escherichia coli (commonly referred to as *E. coli*) is a species of bacteria commonly found in the intestines of humans. There are many different types of *E. coli*, and while some live in the intestine quite harmlessly, others may cause a variety of diseases. The bacterium is found in faeces and can survive in the environment.

From 1st April 2011 to date the Trust has had 22 cases apportioned to the Trust (i.e. Blood cultures taken and confirmed *E. coli* bacteraemia post 48 hours of admission)



MRSA Bacteraemia



In 2011, the Trust was highlighted as one of just 25 Acute Trusts in the country to report no cases of hospital acquired MRSA Bloodstreams bacteraemia between June 2010-June 2011.

In 2011/12, The Trust's national threshold for 2011/12 was set at no more than **one** post 48 hour MRSA bacteraemia case. Unfortunately, in December 2011 almost two years after the last reported case, the Trust has reported one incident.

Despite this, it is important to stress how far the hospital has come in reducing such infections in recent years. The Trust carried out a full root cause analysis of the reported infection to identify all contributory factors and lessons to be learnt and shared. We are pleased to confirm that the patient made a full recovery from the bloodstream infection.



Reducing incidence of Clostridium.difficile (C.diff) by a further 11 cases compared to actual 2010/11 figures.

The trajectory for 2011/12 agreed with the SHA and PCT was no more than 40 cases for the year and the Trust set its own internal threshold of no more than 29 cases.

In October, the Trust adopted a new method of screening *C.diff* that has improved detection of the bacteria associated with the infection. The introduction of this 'dual' testing is in line with national best practice and it is anticipated that patients will benefit from improvements to treatment brought about by improvements in detection.



In the short term, the introduction has led to an increase in the number of *C. diff* cases the Trust reports, which has also been the case at other hospitals. However, the improved detection means that all patients are receiving the optimum standard of care.



To date, we have reported 38 cases; the threshold set by the SHA was 40.

We will continue to:

- undertake a full root cause analysis for all cases,
- monitor the impact of dual testing,
- monitor antibiotic prescribing and ensure it remains in line with policy.

Outbreaks of Diarrhoea and Vomiting

In October we had a ward closed due to diarrhoea and /or vomiting. A total of seven patients and eleven staff were affected. The ward was closed for a total of seven days and twelve beds were closed during this time. This outbreak was later confirmed not to be due to Norovirus.

Norovirus

During 2011/12 the Trust experienced 9 occasions where wards were fully closed due to a confirmed Norovirus outbreak. Over the year, 95 patients and 23 staff were affected, with a total of 67 closed beds during this time.

Priority Three: Improve Patient Experience & Satisfaction

The Trust believes it is important that the learning from both complaints and compliments'



is shared, not just with those directly involved in the care but with the managers who have responsibility for the services being complained or complimented about. Our aim is to share all complaints in as wide a forum as possible to ensure there is appropriate learning from the issues raised and since 2010 there has been a regular item on the public trust board agenda where both positive and less than positive patient experiences are shared with the trust board.

Below details our performance against the agreed indicators.




To increase the response rate to written complaints within 25 days to 75%

In October 2011 the ombudsman review of complaint handling by the NHS in England 2010-11 was published.

http://www.ombudsman.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/12286/Listening-and-Learning-Screen.pdf

It reported that in 2010/11 eighteen complaints were received relating to the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust, of which the Ombudsman requested patient records and complaint files in six cases. The Ombudsman was satisfied with the Trust's investigation in five of the cases and in the other case, it carried out an official investigation which partially upheld the initial complaint. This represented a significant reduction to the cases reported in the 2009/10 financial year and compared favourable to Trusts of a similar size.

The number of complaints received for 2011/12 has seen a positive reduction compared to the number of complaints received in 2010/11 and in 2009/10

Indicator	2009/10 Actual	2010/11 Actual	2011/12	Achieved
Total Complaints handled	289	323	266	
% of responses within 25 days	40% (115)	66% (214)	tbc	
% of responses where additional time agreed	60%	34%	tbc	
Referrals for independent review by Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)	6	6*	3*	

*Three cases referred but not investigated

The table below records the actual activity for 2011/12 compared to the number of complaints received and PALS contacts recorded.

	2009/10 Actual	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 March 2012
Inpatients	46192	46020	tbc
Outpatients	221954	223202	tbc
A&E	66398	70073	tbc
Total	334544	339295	tbc
Total PALS contacts	2954	3726	4414
Ratio of Complaints against total activity			tbc
Ratio of PALS contacts to total activity			tbc

Performance for the Trust overall has improved. Support to the divisions is being provided by the customer services department in order to improve the response time for both the Surgery Division, Medicine Division and Women's and Children's



We believe that 90% of complaints should be responded to within 25 days and that our performance in 2010/11 was below par. Therefore we set an incremental target of 75% of all complaints being responded to within 25 days for 2011/12 with this moving to 90% in 2012/13. This target of achieving 90% by March 2013 still remains although complaints are getting more complex and are covering more than one area.

In the latter part of 2011/12 the Trust has implemented a system whereby a sample of anonymised responses to complaints which have been signed off by the Medical Director will be shared with non executive directors. This will provide non executive directors with an assurance on the quality of responses sent when answering a complaint and also provide them an oversight into the areas of complaints.

During 2011/12 the Trust has had three complaints referred for independent review by the Health Service Ombudsman, 1 has been rejected by them for investigation, 1 has been referred back to the Trust for further resolution and 1 is in the initial assessment process by the Ombudsman.

Examples of what we have done in response to feedback include:

- ✓ Trust re- launched ward night charter
- ✓ Smoking shelters reinstated on site
- ✓ Signage improved

PALS



Contacts with PALS continues to increase. Contacts for the year 2011/12 equated to 4414, compared to 3726 for the whole of 2010/11.

PALS staff are available should patients/relatives wish to meet outside of normal working hours and a 24hr answering service is also in place.

The Trust reports to the Trust Board and to the Patient Experience Group details of our complaints, both those dealt with locally and any that are considered by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)

- ✓ ***To capture data on number of compliments received by the Trust***

Compliments and 'thank you's' continue to be directly acknowledged by the Chief Executive with copies being provided to the relevant staff. Wards now have comment

books which reflect the high level of satisfaction shown by our patients. A system to record this analysis has been developed and an analysis for all wards will be available in the final patient experience report for the year.


Smiley face feedback cards



In October 2010 the Trust launched its 'smiley face' feedback cards to enable all patients and visitors the opportunity to complete a 'smiley face' feedback card to rate the standard of care they or their friend/relative receive. During 2011/12 the Trust updated its smiley card posters and ensured each public area/ward had a prominent smiley card collection box. 3109 completed the cards with 74% saying they were happy with the care and the service the hospital provides.

For 2011/12 we have received 3109 feedback cards

 = 2291 = 74%

 = 254 = 8%

 = 564 = 18%


Comments continue to reflect that patients and relatives are in the main satisfied with the care, treatment and support received whilst at the Trust.

 Comment from Day Procedure Unit Discharge Lounge.

'Excellent patient care..... The nurse and doctor were very caring and thoughtful..... The procedure was fine and after care was excellent..... The receptionist was extremely professional and efficient..... No hanging around waiting..... Excellent care.'.....



Comments about waiting times and delays in clinics and departments are the main theme

 *'My husband had an appointment at 8:00 it*

was now 13:15 and I'm still waiting for him to come out of dpu. I appreciate everyone is very busy but 5 hours is an unacceptable time to wait. I fully support the nhs but I believe this should be sorted'



All amber and red comments are referred to General Managers and Matrons for investigation and action.

The above data will continue to be reported in the monthly Quality Report presented by the Director of Nursing and Quality to the Board.

Compliments to the Trust are also captured through a variety of other routes as the following table demonstrates.


Measure	Total 2011/12
Compliment/Thank you letters received by the Chief Executive	113
Extra Care slips (where staff are recognised for 'going the extra mile for patients' received by PALs	26
Ward scheme: Melly Ward (started 1/7/11):	
Thank you cards	68
Food/ Chocolates	122











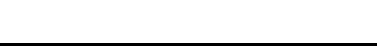
Responsiveness to patient needs (shown by five key questions in the patient survey 'Your Hospital, Your Voice'.

The Trust has developed innovative ways of capturing and acting upon real-time feedback on its services. The Trust currently has five methods of gathering patient views. These are:

- Local Inpatient Survey conducted by volunteers
- GEH Web based survey- self completion (Impressions)
- Smiley cards available on all wards
- National patient survey programme
- NHS Choices
- Patient Opinion

During 2011/12 the Trust replaced the 'Your hospital, Your Voice' survey with 'Impressions'. Our online feed back survey 'Impressions' is a continuous tool which allows us to see in real time what our patients, carers and visitors are saying at George Eliot Hospital. In 2011/12 the results to date are as follows:-

Category	No of respondents	Overall Impression (%)
Cleanliness	542	 98%

Premises & Facilities	450	 97%
Privacy & Dignity	534	 97%
Safeguarding your wellbeing	391	 91%
Our Staff	602	 95%
Getting to/from hospital	416	 94%
Care & treatment	581	 93%
Food & Drink	481	 87%
Written & spoken information	498	 90%
Timeliness	485	 86%
Discharging you from hospital	104	 81%
Parking	304	 71%
Total to date	5388 87	

Patient Satisfaction results from 'Impressions' 2011/12

Impressions is also available on a freepost paper version that was introduced to enable people without online access to feedback their experience. Impressions information is fed back on a monthly basis to all specialities in the Trust via the Patient Experience Group and is also reported to the Trust Board via the monthly quality report.

The positive responses to the Impressions questions are extremely welcoming with the lowest satisfaction levels (71%) being for parking. Part of this is we know linked to the ongoing issues we are having with our car parking ticket machines. The Trust is currently seeking funding from the capital budget to replace the existing ticketing machines with an alternative solution which will be introduced in 2012/13.



Each ward and clinical area to be adopted by a member of the executive team



Research has shown that regular walkabouts are a regular factor in developing a safe culture and improving patient safety. These visits are not about inspection or monitoring but more about support, guidance and two way feedbacks. Incorporating patient experience and satisfaction into the executive walkabouts is a strategy which not only provides frontline staff with the opportunity to share safety

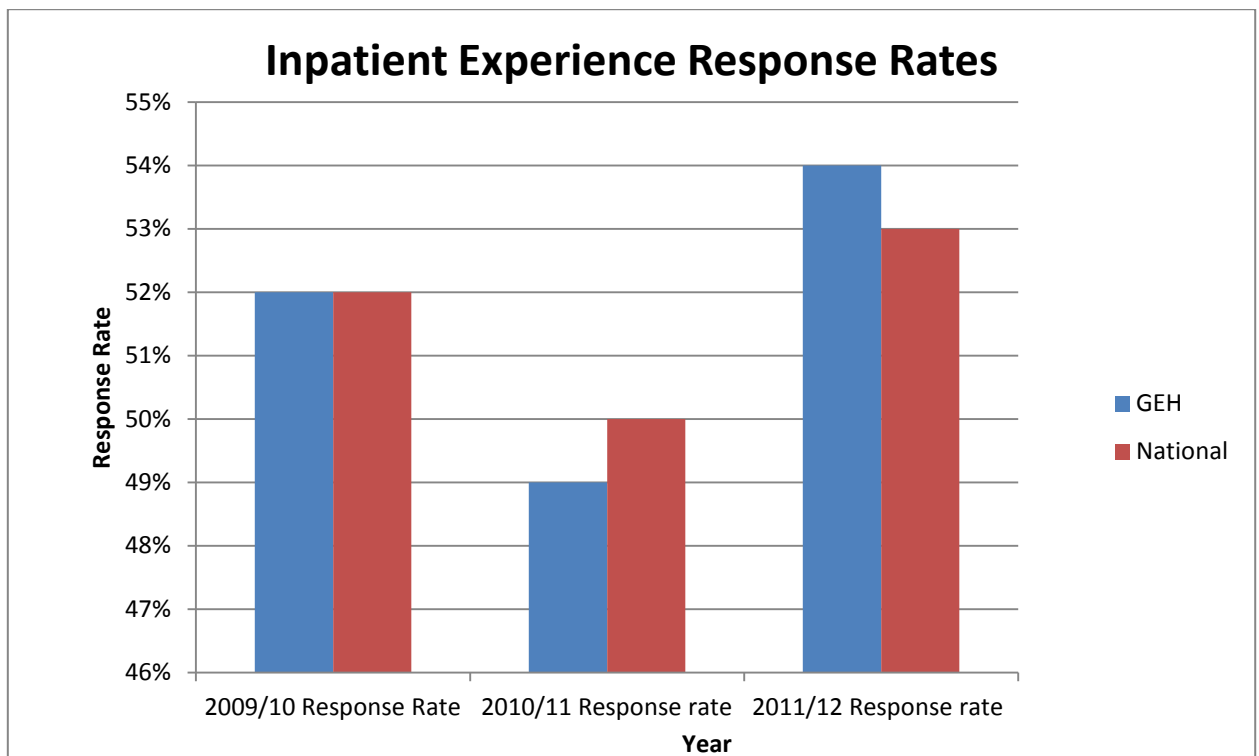
concerns with senior leaders but also provides the opportunity for staff to engage with members of the Board and will support informed debates at board level.

Executive and non executive director ‘walkabouts’ were re-launched in 2011. These take place each month. The Board agreed a code of engagement along with a purpose of the visits, messages picked up from the visit are fed back by the Executive Director to the executive team to identify and initiate appropriate actions.

An example of feedback includes the development and initiation of a ward standard checklist of equipment to be held

Patient Survey

The annual inpatient survey was undertaken between October 2011 and January 2012 and targeted 850 inpatients treated between June and August 2011. 445 usable responses were received from a final sample of 823. A response rate of 54%.



The target response rate for the survey set nationally was to achieve at least 60% from the usable sample, and the number of useable response should be at least 500.

Overall 88% of those surveyed rated the quality of care as good broken down as follows;- Excellent 28%, Very Good 41% and 19% as Good.

Areas where the Trust scored particularly well include:

- The Trust's ability to provide single sex ward and bathroom areas, with several related scores better than the national average.
- Patients who require help to eat always receiving that help (69% compared to 61% nationally)

Improvements on scores last year include the information and explanations provided to patients prior to an operation or procedure and the number and the number of delayed discharges relating to patients waiting for medicines (although further improvements are still required).

On the whole, patients responded positively around their trust and confidence in the nursing staff, although their perceptions were that nurse staffing levels could be improved.

Other key areas for improvement, or where the Trust falls behind the national averages include:

- The amount of time patients consider they wait in A&E is longer than the national response
- Availability of doctors to answer questions or provide information
- Pain management for patients
- Information provided to patients prior to their discharge
- Copies of letters/communication between the hospital and a patient's GP

Post Discharge Survey

Members of the Patient Advocacy Forum (PAF), a sub group of the Trust's Members Advocacy Forum, are currently reviewing the Trust's procedures and practices for discharging patients from hospital back into the Community to ensure a smooth transitional journey for the patient, their relatives and carers. To undertake this the PAF members are:

Reading and understanding the current discharge policy used throughout the Trust

Discussing with 'trainers' the frequency, availability and uptake of courses relating to the discharge of patients from hospital

Speaking to patients/relatives/staff and others to obtain details of the discharge procedures used, identifying any problems which may delay the process



Where appropriate, identify any problems that may exist when discharging patients to care homes etc.

They will report their findings to the sponsoring executive director in the first instance, the MAP and then the Trust Board.

Improve the APMS performance against QOF by 10%

To improve the Alternative Providers of Medical Services (APMS) performance against the Quality & Outcome framework by 10% compared to 2010/11 figures

Data is not available until June 2012, but early indicators are the Trust met this objective.



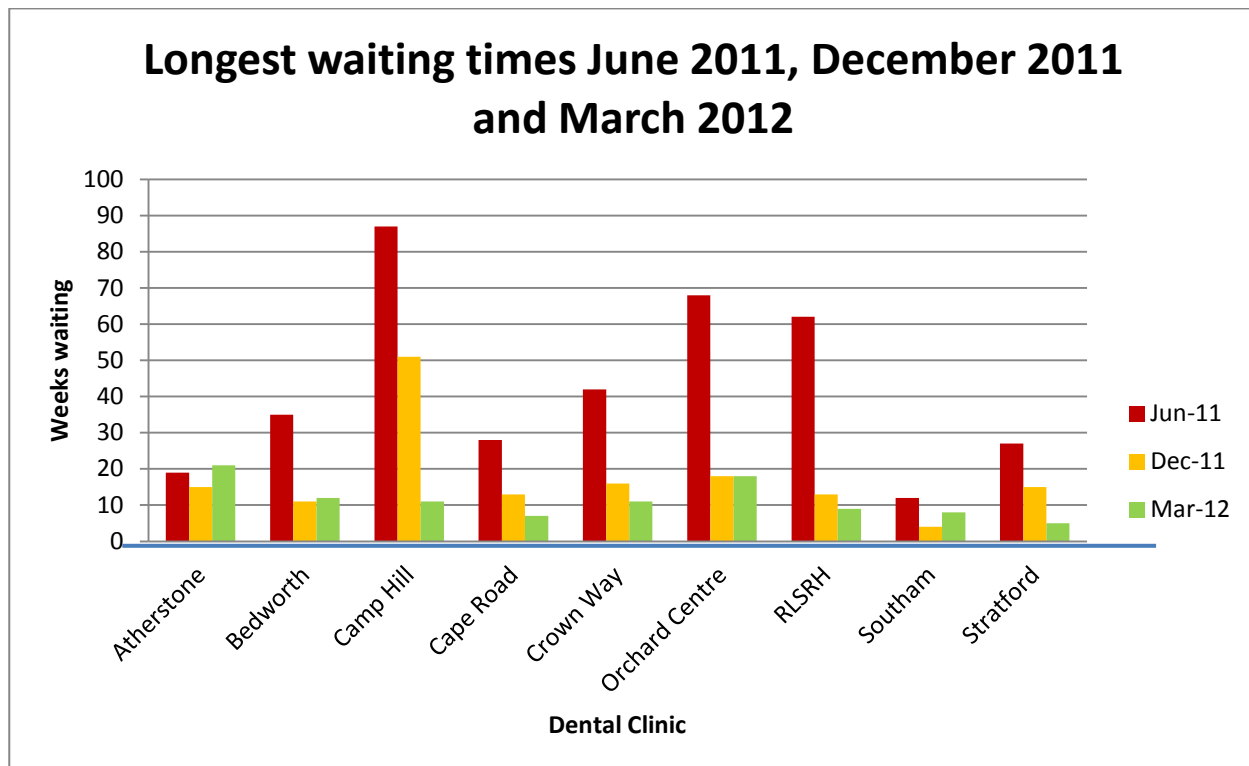
To reduce the use of agency staff within the Urgent Care Walk in Centre – currently appointing to GP Bank.

The Trust have successfully recruited to a number of posts which has reduced the need for agency staff and has implemented a GP bank which it can call on 'as and when' necessary.



Implement a process for managing and reducing dental waiting lists

The Trust took over community dental services from April 2011. The Trust inherited a waiting list where a large number of patients were waiting more than 18 weeks. The Trust has worked hard in order to bring down waiting times below the 18 weeks, and going forward is looking to maintain the effort put in to achieve this with regard to new patient referrals.



Priority Four: To improve the discharge planning for acute medical admissions and reduce length of stay

Improve discharge planning for acute medical admissions and reduce length of stay by:



Best practice urgent care model within A&E

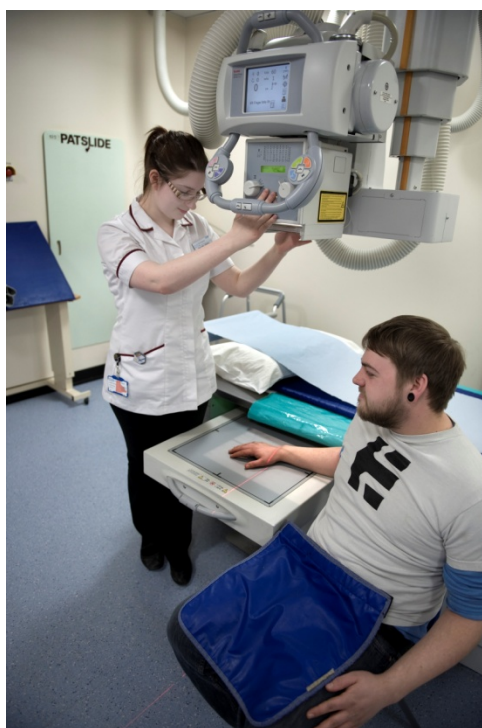
Best practice discharge practice at ward level

Best practice elective care bed management

In April 2011 the Trust launched two transformation programmes relating to Emergency and Elective Care. The Emergency Care Programme has delivered the following outcomes over the year.

The Trust has historically reported high numbers of Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC) with patients being delayed by a number of weeks. In 2011 whilst the numbers of patients remained high and exceeded the national target of 3.5%, 90% of these patients are now delayed by only a week. The objective in 2012 is to work collaboratively with our partner agencies in community health and social care to reduce the numbers below the national

The Trust has, in association with community health services implemented a programme entitled '5 a day'. This model of integrated working has supported patients with intermediate health care needs to be discharged into the community with enhanced multidisciplinary support. The impact for patients has been to reduce their length of stay and be discharged home sooner than traditionally possible, this service has to date been positively evaluated by both patients and their carers.



The Elective Care programme has delivered the following outcomes over the last financial year:



The main outpatient department has been modernised with a new waiting area and reception desk, and with the redesign of the outpatient workforce we have ensured that we have the right staff, in the right place with the right skills at the right time and this has resulted in improved patient flow and the reduction of queues at the reception desks.



The environment now provides a better experience for patients especially for children with a new play area and televisions in situ.



Development of nurses within outpatients has resulted in:

- A post operative nurse led foot clinic for elective patients
- Expansion of the nurse led Plastic dressings clinics
- Ophthalmology nursing team have undertaken extensive training to enhance their skills and this has improved the patient flow and experience



We have developed new pathways to ensure certain groups of Orthopaedic patients are no longer required to attend the hospital post operatively and can have their care closer to home. This has been partially responsible for, alongside other initiatives, reduced delays in clinic and shorter waiting times for appointments, thereby improving patient's experience.



Enhanced recovery programme was launched in September 2010, and we have continued with the improvement work during 2011/12, the full year effect has demonstrated that we have achieved the national standard in Hips, Knees and Hysterectomy for length of stay and are reducing the length of stay for Colectomy overall.



Section 4 : Statements of Assurance from the Trust Board

The following statements offer assurance that GEH is performing to essential standards, measuring clinical processes and involved in projects aimed at improving quality. They are also common to all providers making this account comparable to other NHS Trusts Quality Accounts.

4.1 *Review of Services*

During 2011/12 George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust provided and/or sub-contracted 49 NHS services. The Trust has reviewed all the data available to us on the quality of care in 27 of these NHS services and no concerns have been identified.

The income generated by these 27 NHS services reviewed in 2011/12 represents 84% of the total income generated from the provision of NHS services by the Trust in 2011/12. The service reviews for 2011/12 do not cover the 4 GP practices or any of the community services such dental and stop smoking. A service improvement plan was in place for all services, which was agreed with both Leicester and Warwickshire PCTs.

We review the quality of services in a variety of ways. Examples from 2011/12 are shown below:

Methods used by George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust to review the Quality of its Services

Review process	Description
Integrated performance reporting	The Board of Directors considers key quality indicators performance and financial indicators at each monthly meeting. This enables the totality of the organisation's performance to be reviewed to ensure that all targets and priorities are being addressed.
Quality Report	The Board of Directors considers key quality indicators at each monthly meeting. This enables any potential variation that will impact on the quality of care experienced by patients and the clinical outcome from the treatment and care provided to be addressed.
External reports and visits	The Trust receives feedback on its services from a wide range of external organisations. Examples of such reviews in 2011/12 include: Mott Macdonald mortality review, CQC , Royal College of Surgeons, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and PCT Nursing Review.
Complaints & Compliments	Complaints and PALS enquiries provide a rich source of feedback on the quality of services provided to patients. Data is presented monthly to the Board of Directors via the Quality report where any trends and lessons learnt are discussed.
Matrons rounds	Matrons and senior nurses regularly conduct unannounced visits/ inspections of clinical areas in the Trust
Board rounds	Executives and non executives regularly conduct 'walkabouts' of clinical areas in the Trust
Patient experience reporting	Smiley cards are now available within the Trust for patients, carers and relatives to record their real-time experience in addition to the internal surveys that take place and use of impressions.
Membership surveys	Over 2011/12 we have engaged with our membership carrying out surveys where a general questionnaire on services and what people think about us included key questions like 'what does quality mean to you?', 'what do we do well?' and 'what could we do better?' etc. Other community based surveys have taken place - one focussing on the awareness of the future direction of the organisation and another looking at travel to the hospital from rural parts of the catchment population we serve i.e. North Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth areas. Results from these surveys are essential to the steer of the organisation and the forward plans we will make.

4.2 Participation in Clinical Audits and National Confidential Enquiries

Clinical audit provides a vehicle for professionals to assess clinical practice and its outcomes against the current evidence base.

The value of clinical audit to patients lies in its ability to:













- Provide evidence of good quality care
- Highlight inadequacies in care to enable health professional to take measures to remove or control them
- Provide a learning opportunity for health professionals by focusing on best practice and the evidence base and assessing practice against them

The Department of Health describes 51 national clinical audits which Trusts should consider in their 2011/12 Quality Account.

During that period the Trust participated in 32 of the 37 (86.5%) national clinical audits and 100% of the national confidential enquiries in which it was eligible to participate.

14 audits were not relevant to the Trust and for the 5 national clinical audits where the Trust did not register in time, these have been carried forward into the 2012/13 local audit programme.

National clinical audits and National Confidential Enquiries that the Trust was eligible to participate in during 2011/12 detailed below:

Title	Did GEH participate (submit data) in 2011/12	% of cases submitted
Peri and Neo-natal		
Neonatal Intensive Care and Special Care		100%
Perinatal Mortality (CMACE) Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries		Did not register in time
Elective Procedures		
Hip, Knee and Ankle Replacements		100%
Elective Surgery Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)		78%
Cardiovascular Disease		
Acute Myocardial Infarction and Other Acute Coronary Syndromes		80%
Heart Failure		100%
Cardiac Arrhythmia		100%
Acute Stroke		92%
Cancer		
Lung Cancer		100%
Oesophago-gastric Cancer		100%
Bowel Cancer		100%
Head and Neck Cancer		Did not register in time

Title	Did GEH participate (submit data) in 2011/12	% of cases submitted
Trauma		
Hip Fracture		100%
Children		
Paediatric Pneumonia		100%
Paediatric Asthma		100%
Childhood Epilepsy		100%
Pain Management		Did not register in time
Diabetes		100%
Acute Care		
Cardiac Arrest		100%
Emergency Use of Oxygen		100%
Adult Community Acquired Pneumonia		100%
Non Invasive Ventilation-adults		100%
Pleural Procedures		100%
Adult Critical Care		100%
Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock		100%

Title	Did GEH participate (submit data) in 2011/12	% of cases submitted
Potential Donor Audit		100%
Seizure Management		Did not register in time
Long Term Conditions		
Adult Diabetes		100%
Heavy Menstrual Bleeding		TBC
Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease		85%
Chronic Pain		TBC
Adult Asthma		100%
Bronchiectasis		100%
Blood Transfusion		
Bedside Transfusion		100%
Medical Use of Blood		100%
End of Life		
Care of Dying in Hospital		TBC
Health Promotion		
Risk factors* A local audit has been carried out using the same tool and the Trust intends to take part in the next audit in 13/14.		Did not register in time
Audits in which GEH did not participate in as not relevant to the services		

Title	Did GEH participate (submit data) in 2011/12	% of cases submitted
provided by the Trust.		
Paediatric Cardiac Surgery	Not relevant	
Paediatric Intensive Care	Not relevant	
Intra Thoracic Transplantation	Not relevant	
Parkinson's Disease	Not relevant	
Liver Transplantation	Not relevant	
Coronary Angioplasty	Not relevant	
Peripheral Vascular Surgery	Not relevant	
Carotid Interventions	Not relevant	
CABG and Valvular Surgery	Not relevant	
Renal Replacement Therapy	Not relevant	
Renal Transplantation	Not relevant	
Severe Trauma	Not relevant	
Prescribing in Mental Health Services	Not relevant	
Schizophrenia	Not relevant	

4.3 *Actions arising from clinical audits*

The reports of 11 national clinical audits relevant to the Trust were reviewed in 2011/12. Below is a table highlighting some of the actions taken to improve the quality of healthcare as a result of national clinical audits.

National Audit Title	Description of actions following national audit
Renal Colic:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on pain score recording and re-audit as part of CEM audit programme • Focus on time to analgesia in order to show improvement in the next round of audits
National Audit of Falls and Bone Health:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaflet to be produced on the risk factors for falls
Care of dying in hospital:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An education and training programme in the care of the dying to be developed and made mandatory for all staff
Diabetes (Adult):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the communication to GPs and specialist

	nurses in respect of the patient's condition
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The reports of 31 local (not national) clinical audits were reviewed by GEH in 2011/12. Below is a brief summary of some of the key actions we have taken to improve the quality of healthcare provided for 10 of the local audits:

Local Audit Title	Description of actions following national audit
Audit of Stroke Driving Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify the medical proforma to include driving status. • Modify the Electronic Discharge Summary to include additional information and advice given.
9 Processes for Diabetes Care:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a poster as a reminder for all elements of assessment of diabetic patients.
Documentation Audit:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance document produced for junior doctors to be given out at junior doctor induction
Lost Kardex Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour coded unique ward location stickers to be used on Kardex's.
Prescribing in A&E:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Feedback to Junior Doctors regarding the quality of prescribing in A&E.
Audit on the use of red blood cells for fractured neck of femur:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate findings into the neck of femur pathway and the maximum surgical blood order schedule
Offer and uptake of HIV test in GUM clinics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop training for staff for Pre HIV test counselling • Improve documentation around offering of HIV test and reasons for patient declining
Consent for Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient information leaflet developed to be given to patients in pre op assessment clinic • Patient satisfaction survey to be carried out to further inform audit results • A poster with a reminder of the expected level of documentation is to be displayed in relevant areas.
Audit of peripheral venous cannulae being removed within 72 hours:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued emphasis on the improvement of cannula care pathways during mandatory training and practical demonstration of cannula care
Emergency Colectomy Audit:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure chest physiotherapy and early mobilisation with high level of suspicion for early detection and treatment of pneumonia

The Trust's CARE facilitates the reporting and monitoring of Trust participation in national audits and actions taken in accordance with recommendations of national audit reports. This activity is reported to the CARE Group and the Patient Safety Group, which directs action to improve the quality of care. Exceptions are also reported to the Trust's Quality and Risk Committee.

National clinical audits are distributed to relevant GEH divisions or departments. In 2011/12 national clinical audit reports were not systematically reviewed by the GEH Board, but were reviewed by the CARE Group and several formed part of relevant annual reports.

As part of an improvement programme for audit and effectiveness the relevant committee structure has been strengthened, and the Board will receive an annual audit report which will include details of GEH activity in (and response to) national audits.

Assurance of clinical audit systems

The Trust's internal audit providers (RSM Tenon) reviewed the Trust's clinical audit systems and processes in September 2011. This independent audit provided assurance that the controls upon which the organisation relies to manage this area are suitably designed, consistently applied and effective, action needs to be taken to ensure risks in this area are managed.

Whilst a number of issues have been identified in this review, this opinion is reflective of the changes introduced by the CARE team for 2011/12.

For more information on National or local clinical audits please contact the clinical audit and research department on 02476 351351.

4.4 Participation in Clinical Research

The NHS operating framework requires Trusts to double the number of patients recruited across into National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) portfolio trials within 5 years (i.e from a baseline in 2008/9 to end of 2013-14).

The number of patients receiving NHS services provided or sub-contracted by George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust in 2011/12 that were recruited during that period to participate in research approved by a research ethics committee was **110**. By the end of the financial year this number is projected to reach **163**.

Year	Studies	Patients recruited
2008-09	16	178
2009-10	19	754
2010-11	32	534
2011-12	20	127 (27/2/12)

This represents a **69%** decrease on the number of patients recruited to studies matching the same criteria in 2010/11.

This decrease is likely to have resulted from a number of factors; the absence of a Research Champion at the Trust for a large part of the year, a shortage of dedicated Research & Development staff following the resignation of the Research & Development Manager and Research & Development Administrator, along with a new Research & Development Director and general restructuring within the Trust as well as the decrease in the number of observational studies which involve high recruitment of patients. However, in 2012/13 there will be a number of studies which will compensate for the above as they will have a high recruitment rate.

With effect from April 2012 the Trust has appointed two research champions – Dr V Patel and Dr M Ranganathan and from 2012/2013 the West Midlands (South) Comprehensive Local Research Network (CLRN) will support George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust to appoint suitable Research Champions to engage George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust Clinicians with the research endeavour. The West Midlands (South) CLRN will also be providing Research Management & Governance support from their central CLRN team, under the terms of a Service Level Agreement.

Patients receiving NHS services provided or sub-contracted by George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust in 2011/12 participated in research covering cancer, critical care, dermatology, diabetes, gastrointestinal, genetics, hepatology, and metabolic and endocrine.

To date George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust has been involved in conducting **50** individual studies in 2011/12, all of which had been approved and opened using the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) co-ordinated system for gaining NHS Permission. **20** of these studies are actively recruiting and reporting recruits to the national system. George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust has been involved in conducting **3** individual studies in 2011/12 which were not approved and opened using the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) coordinated system for gaining NHS Permission (non-portfolio studies).

In the last two years there have been 37 publications with authors affiliated to George Eliot Hospital which shows our commitment to transparency and desire to improve patients outcomes and experience across the Trust. Trust diabetes specialist Dr Saravanan has been leading research into the risks of developing obesity, diabetes and heart conditions.

[Received mrc funding find out details](#)

4.5 Use of the CQUIN Payment Framework





2011/12 Goals agreed with Commissioners





The Commissioning for Quality & Innovation (CQUIN) payment framework aims to support the cultural shift towards making quality the organising principle of NHS Services, by embedding quality at the heart of commissioner and provider discussions. It is an important lever supplementing Quality Accounts; to ensure that local quality improvement priorities are discussed and agreed at board level within – and between – organisations. It makes a proportion of our income dependent on achieving locally agreed quality and innovation goals

A proportion of GEH's income in 2011/12 was conditional on achieving quality improvement and innovation goals agreed between GEH, NHS Coventry and NHS Warwickshire (Arden Cluster). Further details of the goals for 2012/13 and for the following 12 month period are available on request from the Trust and are available electronically at:

www.institute.nhs.uk/world_class_commissioning/pct_portal/cquin.html

During 2011/12 the total income associated with the achievement of quality improvement and innovation goals amounted to £1.4m. We had a total of 10 general CQUIN measures (8 local, and 2 national) , for 2011/12. Both national and local CQUINS are listed below, with a commentary on their achievement by GEH

Achieved	CQUIN Description
	VTE % of all adult inpatients who have had a VTE risk assessment on admission to hospital
	Patient Experience Survey The indicator will be a composite, calculated from 5 survey questions. Each describes a different element of the overarching patient experience theme "responsiveness to personal needs of patients": 1) Involvement in decisions about treatment/care, 2) Hospital staff being available to talk about worries/concerns, 3) Privacy & Dignity when discussing condition/treatment, 4) Informed about side effects of medication, 5) Informed who to contact if worried about condition after leaving hospital.
TBC	Implementation of DVT ambulatory emergency care pathway Establishment of a 7 day DVT ambulatory management pathway by 1st October 2011 with a reduction in admitted patients during quarters 3 and 4.
	Implementation of cellulitis ambulatory emergency care pathway Establishment of a 7 day cellulitis ambulatory management pathway by 1st October 2011 with a reduction in admitted patients during quarters 3 and 4 It is recognised that this indicator is dependent on NHSW agreeing the commissioning of the ambulatory treatment element to avoid admission of these patients.
	Implementation of pleural effusion ambulatory emergency care pathway Establishment of a 7 day unilateral pleural effusion ambulatory management pathway by 1st October 2011 with a reduction in admitted patients during quarters 3 and 4

Achieved	CQUIN Description
	Tissue Viability 30% reduction in grade 2 pressure ulcers.
	All OPA letters to include a treatment plan where the patient has been discharged at the OPA.
TBC	All outpatient clinic letters to include a treatment plan where the patient has been discharged at the outpatient All outpatient clinic letters to GP practices should, where the patient has been discharged from further hospital review as a result of the appointment, include a treatment plan for the GP to follow.
	Compliance with preferred prescribing list 75% of prescriptions for newly initiated outpatient medicines which fall into a drug group included on the Preferred Prescribing List (PPL).
	Emergency readmissions of emergency patients rate.

4.6 Registration with the Care Quality Commission

In April 2011 the Trust acquired 2 PMS practices, 1 GP practice and also took over the management of the Urgent Care Centre in Leicester. The Trust updated its registration with the CQC to reflect these additions. Our current registration status is registered without any compliance conditions and licensed to provide services. The Care Quality Commission has not taken any enforcement action against GEH during 2011/12.

GEH participated in a Dignity and Nutrition Inspection on 19th April 2011 as part of a targeted inspection programme by the Care Quality Commission to assess how well older people are treated during their hospital stay. The Trust were found to be fully compliant with the essential standards of quality and safety reviewed.

In July 2011 the Care Quality Commission undertook an unannounced visit and they assessed the Trust as delivering, safe good quality care. The review examined the following six essential standards of quality and safety and found that the Trust is fully compliant with:

- Consent to care and treatment
- Care and welfare of people who use services
- Safeguarding people who use services from abuse
- Cleanliness and infection control
- Staffing
- Assessing and monitoring the quality of service provision

The review involved the checking of hospital records, observations of patient care, talking to staff, reviewing information from stakeholders and talking to service users. The review team commented

“ during the course of the two day visit we spoke with patients using the service and received a lot of positive comments about the care provided by George Eliot Hospital”.

The review went on to say:

“...the trust ensures the environment is kept clean and the risk of infection is monitored. Patients are protected against identifiable risks of acquiring a healthcare associated infection because of the effective operation of systems and the maintenance of good standards of cleanliness and hygiene”.

In 2011/12, George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust carried out a self-assessment of compliance with CQC's 16 core standards. A broad range of evidence was taken into account. This included self-assessments at ward and department level, information extracted from performance indicators, information from three different patient surveys, CQC's Quality Risk Profile, and evidence relating to those NHS Litigation Authority Risk Management Standards which can be mapped to CQC standards. The evidence was critically reviewed by the Executive Group and the Trust's Quality and Risk Committee and in February 2012, the Board agreed with the self declaration of compliance with all 16 CQC outcomes.

4.7 Information on the Quality of Data

Good quality data underpin the effective delivery of patient care and are essential if improvements in quality of care are to be made. Improving data quality, which includes the quality of ethnicity and other equality data will thus improve patient care and value for money.

The National Data Quality Dashboard is available to help monitor and drive improvement in the quality and completeness of data. The GEH benchmarks well against other Trusts as the average results of the overall commissioning dataset (CDS) data validity is **x%** for all CDS submitters and the results of the GEH was .

TBC

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust will be taking the following actions to improve data quality:

- Ensuring that data is managed accurately and securely and is recorded in a timely manner.
- Ensuring that where errors are identified they are rectified at source
- Ensuring that key corporate systems are used effectively to collect, store and report upon the data
- Ensuring that those who need to use the data and reports can access them efficiently and in an understandable format.
- Ensuring that the Trust continues to improve data quality through effective training, monitoring and governance structures that span all levels across the organisation.

NHS Number Code Validity

The patient NHS number is the key identifier for patient records and the quality of NHS number data has a direct impact on improving clinical safety.

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust submitted records during 2011/12 to the secondary uses service for inclusion in the hospital episodes 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

99.9% for outpatient care

99.5% for accident and emergency care

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

APC: 100% (national comparator 99.8%)

OP : 100% (national comparator 99.8%)

A&E: 100% (national comparator 99.7%)

Source : SUS Data quality dashboard, Month 8 2010/11.

Information Governance Toolkit Attainment Levels

The Trust has completed the self-assessment of the IG Toolkit V9, and has rated itself as a minimum of Level 2 for all requirements .

As part of our internal assurance, we requested internal audit to undertake an interim review of progress. Recommendations and associated management actions from this audit are being implemented and monitored via the Trust's Audit Committee.

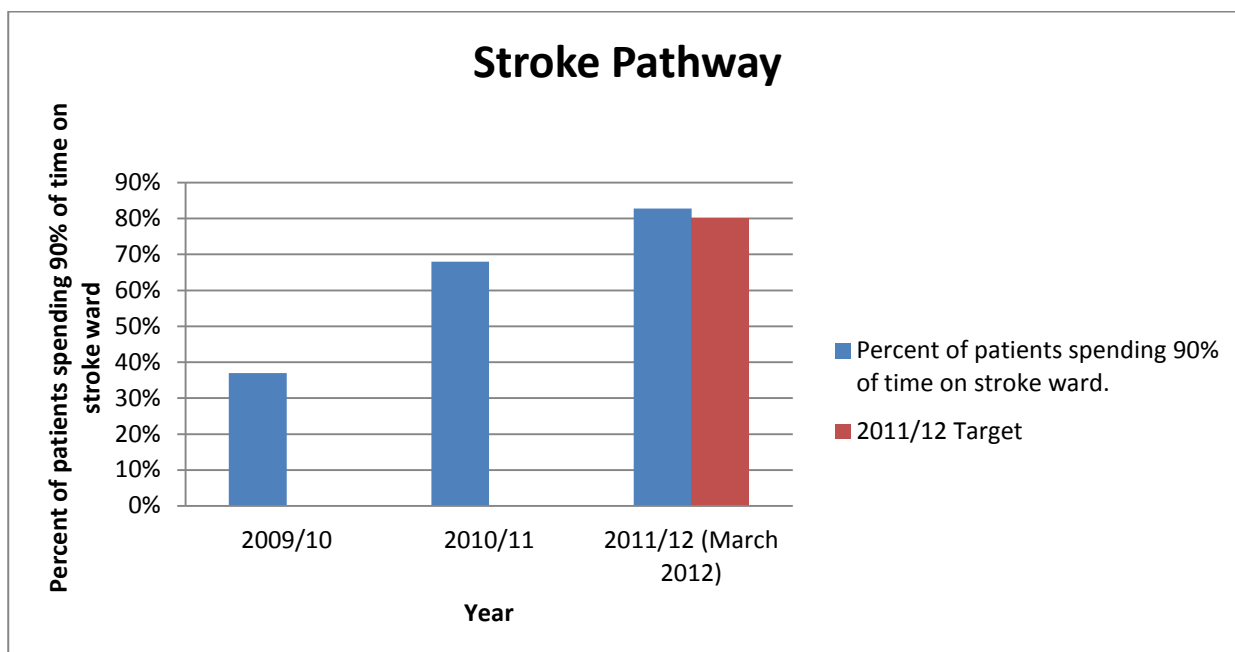
Clinical coding error rate

Payment by results – TBC

4.8 External Assurance and Performance Indicators

Domain	Indicator	Standard	Actual Performance 2011/12 To be validated	Achieved/ Not Achieved
Safety	C Difficile infections	SHA =40	38	✓
	MRSA bacteraemia infections	SHA =0	1	✓
Quality	Cancer 2 weeks - suspected	93%	95.90%	✓
	Cancer 2 weeks - symptomatic breast	93%	96.30%	✓
	Cancer 31 days	96%	99.40%	✓
	Cancer 31 days - drug	98%	100.00%	✓
	Cancer 31 days - surgery	94%	98.30%	✓
	Cancer 62 days	85%	85.40%	✓
	Cancer 62 days - from screening service	90%	97.60%	✓
	A&E 4 hrs	95%	95.76%	✓
	Stroke - CT < 24 hours	100%	99.38%	
	Stroke - time on stroke ward	80%	83.54%	✓
Patient experience	Refer to Treat waits 95th percentile - admitted	23 wks	22 weeks	✓
	Refer to Treat waits 95th percentile - non-admitted	18.3 wks	16.1	
	National & Local Patient survey results Inpatient survey	>10/11		
	Mixed sex accommodation breaches	0	5	✗
Patient Safety	Never events	0	4	✗
	VTE	90%	92.94%	✓
	Patient Falls		561	

Graph below shows the trust's compliance with Stroke pathway



Indicator	Smoking Cessation During Pregnancy	Trajectory 2010/11	2010/11 Actual	Trajectory 2011/12	2011/12 Actual
Smoking at booking stage*		n/a		n/a	XX%
Number of Women referred to smoking cessation advice		100%	100%	100%	XX%.
Number of Women smoking at delivery		<1% per year	12.5%	<1% per year	XX%

*It is important to have the number smoking at booking as well as number smoking at delivery, as the 1% reduction should be from the eligible smoking population, so is included in this data. It should be noted that smoking at booking is outside our control (and more prevalent in the case of first pregnancies).

Indicator	Trajectory 2010/11	2010/11 Actual	Trajectory 2011/12	2011/12 Actual
Identifying deteriorating patients (% of deteriorating patients are identified in a timely manner and action taken)	100%	89.3% (mean)	100%	96.42%

Appendix B – Statements from stakeholders

Appendix C – Amendments

Appendix C - Glossary

Acute Care: Medical or surgical treatment usually provided in a district general hospital (also called an acute hospital)

Arden Cluster - is a management arrangement which brings together the expertise of Coventry PCT and Warwickshire PCT to commission health services in Coventry and Warwickshire for a population of 909,762.

Alternative Providers of Medical Services (APMS): is a contractual route through which PCTs can contract with a wide range of providers to deliver services tailored to local needs. It offers substantial opportunities for the restructuring of services to offer greater patient choice, improved access and greater responsiveness to the specific needs of the community.

Audit Commission: an independent watchdog driving economy, efficiency and effectiveness in local public services, including the National Health Service, to deliver better outcomes for everyone.

Care pathway: the process of diagnosis, treatment and care negotiated with the involvement of the patient and his/her carer or family

Care Quality Commission (CQC): is the independent regulator of Health and Social care in England. The CQC regulates care provided by the NHS, local authorities, private companies and voluntary organisations.

Clinical Audit: a continuous process of assessment, evaluation and adjustment of practice by doctors, nurses and other health professionals

Clostridium difficile: an intestinal infection commonly associated with healthcare.

Commissioning for Quality & Innovation (CQUIN): The CQUIN payment framework is a national framework for locally agreed quality improvement schemes. It makes a proportion of provider income conditional on the achievement of ambitious quality improvement goals and innovations agreed between Commissioner and Provider, with active clinical engagement. The CQUIN framework is intended to reward genuine ambition and stretch, encouraging a culture of continuous quality improvement in all providers.

In order to earn CQUIN money, providers of acute, community, mental health & learning disability services using national contracts must agree a full CQUIN scheme with their commissioners. CQUIN schemes are required to include goals in the three domains of quality; safety, effectiveness and patient experience; and to reflect innovation.

Delayed discharge: delayed discharge is where a patient who is fit for discharge remains in an acute hospital bed because other more suitable care cannot be provided.

Delayed Transfer of Care - is defined as a patient who is medically fit and safe to be discharged. The latter describes a situation whereby a physiotherapist assesses the patient as being able to mobile independently or supported with specific adaptations/equipment.

Dr Foster Good Hospital Guide: Dr Foster is an independent organisation dedicated to making information about the performance of hospitals and medical staff as accessible as possible.

Equality & Diversity Council (EDC)

The Equality and Diversity Council (EDC) was formed in 2009 with representatives from the Department of Health, NHS and other interests. It is chaired by Sir David Nicholson and reports to the NHS Management Board. The EDC supports the NHS to deliver services that are fair, personal and diverse to promote continuous improvement.

Escherichia coli: *E. coli* normally lives inside the intestines, where it helps the body break down and digest the food you eat. Unfortunately, certain types (called strains) of *E. coli* can get from the intestines into the blood. This is a rare illness, but it can cause a very serious infection.

Healthcare Resource Group: Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) is a group of clinically similar treatments and care that require similar levels of healthcare resource

HSMR: The Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR) is an indicator of healthcare quality that measures whether the death rate at a hospital is higher or lower than you would expect.

Incident - an event or circumstances which could have resulted, or did result in unnecessary damage, loss or harm to a patient, member of staff, visitor or member of the public

- **Moderate** - an incident resulting in moderate medical attention e.g. sutures, staff injury sustained at work resulting in more than 3 lost days from work or disruption to services, actual damage to property: Examples: - Recurrent slips, trips and falls, injuries needing treatment such as sprains, strains and burns, damage to property, with obvious cost implications to the Trust, verbal aggression, physical violence, or intimidation, incident resulting in fire brigade attendance, clinic treatment or surgical cancellations.
- **Severe** - any patient safety incident that appears to have resulted in permanent harm to one or more persons receiving NHS-funded care. For example these could be incidents that occur within the Trust or on one of the Primary care services managed by the Trust that result in serious injury, long bone / skull fractures, loss of multiple services in an area, loss of sight or a fatality

Length of Stay: the duration of a single episode of hospitalisation.

Local Involvement Networks(LINKs)- are made up of individuals and community groups, such as faith groups and residents associations, working together to improve health and social care services.

Methicillin-Susceptible Staphylococcus Aureus (MSSA) &

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA): bacteria that can cause infection in a range of tissues such as wounds, ulcers, abscesses or bloodstream.

MSSA Bacteremia - Methicillin-sensitive Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA) is a strain of the bacteria (germ) staphylococcus aureus. It is commonly found on human skin and mucosa (lining of mouth, nose etc). The bacteria lives completely harmlessly on the skin and in the nose of about one third of normal health people. This is called colonisation or carriage. *Staphylococcus aureus* causes abscesses, boils and it can infect wounds - both accidental wounds such as grazes and deliberate wounds such as those made when inserting an intravenous drip or during surgery. These are called local infections. It may then spread further into the body and cause serious infections such as bacteraemia (blood poisoning). [Health Protection Agency, 2009].

Escherichia coli (E.coli) bacteraemia *Escherichia coli* (commonly referred to as *E. coli*) is a species of bacteria commonly found in the intestines of humans. There are many different types of *E. coli*, and while some live in the intestine quite harmlessly, others may cause a variety of diseases. The bacterium is found in faeces and can survive in the environment.

NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA): The NHSLA handles negligence claims and works to improve risk management practices in the NHS.

National Patient Survey: The NHS national patient survey programme was established as a result of the Government's commitment to ensuring that patients and the public have a real say in how NHS services

are planned and developed. Getting feedback from patients and listening to their views and priorities is vital for improving services.

All NHS Trusts in England are legally required to carry out local surveys asking patients their views on their recent health care experiences. One main purpose of these surveys is to provide organisations with detailed patient feedback on standards of service and care in order to help set priorities for delivering a better service for patients. There are inpatient and outpatient surveys.

National Clinical Audit Advisory Group (NCAAG): established by the Department of Health to drive the reinvigoration of the national clinical audit programme and provide a national focus for discussion and advice on matters relating to clinical audit.

National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE): an independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on promoting good health and treating ill health.

NHS Midlands and East (SHA) - NHS West Midlands is part of the Midlands and East SHA cluster, alongside [NHS East of England](#) and [NHS West Midlands](#). The cluster came into being on 3 October 2011; it is one of four across England. Our SHA Cluster has a clear purpose in the following areas:

- Delivering for today
- Building for the future
- Supporting staff

NHS Number: is the only National Unique Patient Identifier, used to help healthcare staff and service providers match you to your health records.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees: since 2003, every local authority with social services responsibilities have had the power to scrutinise local health services. OSCs take on the role of scrutiny of the NHS – not just major changes but the ongoing operation and planning of services. They bring democratic accountability into health care decisions and make the NHS more publicly accountable and responsive to local communities.

PALS: Patient Advice and Liaison Service. The service provides support to patients, carers and relatives, representing their views and resolving local difficulties speedily.

Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman: The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman can investigate complaints about government departments and agencies in the UK and the NHS in England

Payment By Results: Payment by Results (PBR) is intended to support NHS modernisation by paying hospitals for the work they do, rewarding efficiency and quality

Pressure Ulcers: Pressure ulcers, also sometimes known as bedsores or pressure sores, are a type of injury that affects areas of the skin and underlying tissue. They are caused when the affected area of skin is placed under too much pressure.

Definitions

“Avoidable” pressure ulcer means that the person receiving care developed a pressure ulcer and the provider of care did not do one of the following: evaluate the person’s clinical condition and pressure ulcer risk factors; plan and implement interventions that are consistent with the persons needs and goals, and recognised standards of practice; monitor and evaluate the impact of the interventions; or revise the interventions as appropriate.”

An **Unavoidable Pressure Ulcer**: “Unavoidable” means that the person receiving care developed a pressure ulcer even though the provider of the care had evaluated the person’s clinical condition and pressure ulcer risk factors; planned and implemented interventions that are consistent with the person’s needs and goals; and recognised standards of practice; monitored and evaluated the impact of the interventions; and revised the approaches as appropriate; or the individual person refused to adhere to prevention strategies in spite of education of the consequences of non-adherence”.

An **Unstageable Pressure Ulcer** is one that when first presented the grade cannot be determined against the grades 1-4, but continues to be monitored whilst the patient is in hospital care until a point in time when it can be graded and reported accordingly.

Primary Care Trusts (PCTs): have the responsibility for improving the health of the community, developing primary and community health services and commissioning secondary care services

Quality and Outcome Framework: Is a set of measures of achievement, known as indicators, against which practices score points according to their level of achievement.

Quality, Innovation, Productivity & Prevention (QIPP) Programme: QIPP focuses on the NHS working in different ways to ensure that the highest quality care is delivered. It encourages efficiency and focuses on a ‘joined up’ approach to delivering healthcare.

Research Ethics Committee (REC): Research Ethics Committees are independent committees that review the ethical issues within research projects that involve people as participants or their data or tissues

Service Level Agreement (SLA): a formal agreement between two organisations that sets out the detail of the way in which one organisation will provide services to the other organisation in return for an agreed amount of money.

Urgent Care Walk in centre (UCC)- A unit for patients with accidental injuries and medical emergencies that do not need intensive or specialist care. This includes cuts, broken limbs and scalds. An UCC is usually open 7 days a week.

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)- a condition in which a blood clot (thrombus) forms in a vein.

Appendix D Quality Account Questionnaire Feedback form

We hope you have found this Quality Account interesting and helpful.

To save costs the report is available on our website and hard copies are available in waiting rooms or on request.

We would be grateful if you would take the time to complete this feedback form and return it to:

Patient Feedback
George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
FREEPOST (CV3262)
College Street
Nuneaton CV10 7BR

Email: pals@geh.nhs.uk

How useful did you find this report

Very Useful

Quite useful

Not very useful

Not useful at all

Did you find the contents

Too simplistic

About right

Too complicated

Is the presentation of data clearly labelled?

Yes, completely

Yes, to some extent

No

If no, what would have helped?

Is there anything in this guide you found particularly interesting and helpful/not interesting/helpful?

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