

Warwickshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

17 July 2012

Mortality Review – George Eliot Hospital

Recommendation

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the current mortality rates.

1.0 Context

- 1.1 The George Eliot Hospital has been repeatedly identified as an 'outlier' against mortality ratings over the years, with a higher than expected HSMR. We have also been identified as having a higher than expected SHMI, the highest in England.

2.0 Current Mortality Rate

- 2.1 The current HSMR for the time period analysed was 109.1; April 2012's HSMR was 95.3. It is important to note that the current benchmark year is 2010/11 and is due to be rebased at the end of August 2012.
- 2.2 The most recent SHMI (Oct-10 to Sep-11) is 123.18.

3.0 Actions

- 3.1 As a direct and immediate response to the increase in HSMR last September and prior to the October SHMI being released, the Trust put an action plan in place to undertake a wholesale review of systems and processes in place. Details of actions within the plan have been previously reported. Further work has since been implemented or completed which includes;
 - As a result of an increase in HSMR mortality rates for the months of February and March further work is being undertaken. The Trust is extending attention to the coding of all patient discharges in people over 65 years of age with a length of stay greater than two days with no recorded co-morbidities. Work has commenced and data will be resubmitted for completion in July.
 - An internal systematic review of all deaths to identify any underlying problems in the quality of care which may underlie the high mortality rate has been undertaken. This review was undertaken by the Associate Medical Director with support from three matrons and the Senior Clinical Audit Officer. The review highlighted some areas for additional work around adverse events that may have contributed to or resulted in harm to the patient e.g. infections and or electrolyte disturbances.

- Investigation of a number of Dr Foster alerts over a period of time have also been investigated and have demonstrated inaccuracies of coding and recording of comorbidities and have not demonstrated sub standard care.
- The Trust Board continues to be assured through receipt of detailed information regarding HSMR and SHMI and are fully appraised of the actions and progress on a regular basis, including monthly reports utilising the Dr Foster data.
- Medical and Nursing Directors of both the Trust and Arden Cluster continue to meet monthly to review the action plan.

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