

NNUH Annual Quality Account 2021-2022



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Foreword

This report has been designed to provide assurance to our patients, the public and commissioners that the quality of care at Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NNUH) meets the expected standard. It provides a review of the Trust's quality improvement activities and achievements during 2021/22 and identifies improvement opportunities the Trust will focus on.

This report also identifies and explains the Trust's quality priorities for 2022/2023.

Please note that where the abbreviation NNUH is utilised, or 'the Trust' this refers to the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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Welcome to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's Quality Account for 2021/22. This document provides an overview of all the activity that has been taking place within our Trust on the quality agenda over the past year.

It is hard to believe that it has been two years since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic and the first national lockdown. I want to thank all of our colleagues and volunteers for their incredible dedication, resilience, team work, compassion and hard work during an extremely challenging and difficult time for the NHS and the communities we serve.

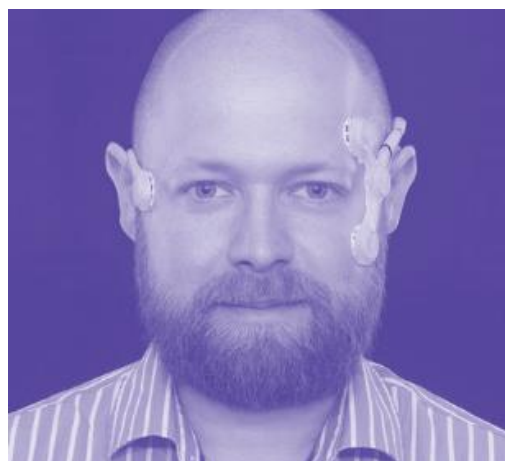
We, as an NHS Trust and the wider health and care system, are continually working to restore services impacted by the pandemic and manage constraints brought on by the continued presence of COVID-19 but these are not without their own challenges. Whilst patient safety and care, as well as, the welfare of our staff is ever the primary importance, progression on some of our quality priorities and improvements have been affected.

December saw the election results of our five public governor seats; two governors were newly elected and three were existing re-elected governors. Also appointed were two new staff governors, one for Nursing and Midwifery and one for Admin and Clerical. Governors have an important role in representing the interests of the members (public and staff), partner organisations and the community we serve, in monitoring how services are developed and how the organisation is managed. Congratulations and a warm welcome to them all.

The NHS staff survey results were published in March and this year's results reflect the arduous period the NHS has encountered. As a Trust we are disappointed about our staff's experience of working for us, therefore, we are developing a three-year improvement plan to turn around our results and are determined to make our hospitals a better place to work. We will need to work together, both internally and with the wider healthcare system, to make transformational changes to the way in which we work, care for patients and each other.

Despite the pressures we all have been under and multiple changes to services, we have also been able to make some great improvements that we must recognise and take pride in. We have accelerated many programmes of work in very short timeframes from redesigning services, opening new centres, introducing virtual consultations and the Virtual Ward, being involved in ground-breaking research, and playing our part in the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

We are delighted to announce that the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) have awarded researchers from NNUH and UEA £1.25m to further develop a pioneering device that monitors dizziness and diagnoses its causes. The award is to fund a large-scale project that will involve the participation of ten hospitals across the UK. By the end of the project, it is hoped to have a device that can automatically identify some of the most common causes of dizziness.





In October, the North Norfolk Macmillan Centre at Cromer Hospital was officially opened. It marks the culmination of many years of hard work and planning between our hospital, the Norfolk & Norwich Hospitals Charity, Macmillan Cancer Support and local patients, plus the Cromer Community and Hospital Friends, who funded the equipment. We'd like to say thank you to our charity partners and the local community for all the support we have received in making this cancer centre come to fruition in the teeth of a pandemic. It's a remarkable achievement by all concerned and will

benefit patients in North Norfolk for years to come

There have been several reports in the media around maternal care particularly the Ockenden reports. Our Trust has been working hard to learn from these reports and improve maternity care at NNUH. A recent National Maternity Survey, coordinated by the CQC, saw the maternity service receive a score of 9.4 out of 10 for treating patients with respect and dignity and 9 out of 10 of respondents had confidence and trust in staff. A wonderful achievement.

Also, our hospital will be home to one of two Maternal Medicine Centres (MMCs) of excellence in the East of England for those who are pregnant with pre-existing medical conditions. NHS England has an ambitious aim to reduce maternal deaths by 50% by 2025. To help achieve this goal, they have supported the establishment of a national Maternal Medicine Network with a 'hub and spoke model' in each region. With existing established maternal medicine service, our Norwich hospital was in an ideal position to provide a regional networked service.

In addition, as part of the National Strategy, NHS England are funding

training of 12 Consultant Physicians in Obstetric Medicine. Mark Andrews, our established Renal and Obstetric Physician, was the first person to be accepted for this training and currently remains the only person in the country to have completed the program and be awarded the prestigious Diploma in Obstetric Medicine. He will be leading on this service with the existing Maternal Medicine team led by Fran Harlow, Obstetric Consultant. This is a great opportunity to improve the level of care for those who are pregnant with serious conditions in our region, and I look forward to seeing how the centre and improvements progress over the coming year.



We cannot forget that NNUH is not the only health care provider in Norfolk & Waveney and that our patients can use a range of services across the system. Together we are looking at ways to join up our services for patient safety and experience. Just a highlight of some achievements so far has been the co-design and implementation of the Consent Policy and Clinical Harm Review Process at the three acute hospitals; James Paget University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Kings Lynn NHS Foundation Trust and us. We are working in partnership with our partners at Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust and Norfolk and Waveney CCG to support people experiencing a mental health crisis with a dedicated mental health response car staff by a paramedic and a specialist mental health practitioner.

This year again has also seen numerous members of staff and departments internationally, nationally, and locally recognised for their hard work and dedication; such a wonderful achievement and congratulations to you all.

One such team is the specialist In-patient Diabetes Services Team from Elsie Bertram Diabetes Centre who have won the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) 2021 Excellence in Patient Care Quality Improvement Award. NNUH's specialist diabetes in-patient team had been shortlisted for their 18-month programme aimed at helping the thousands of patients with diabetes who are treated at the hospital. This is a wonderful achievement, especially through the pandemic, and I know the team are not resting on their laurels and are using this accolade to look further and expand their support to patients with diabetes.



As we look ahead to 2022/23, in addition to continuing to work on elective recovery and the demands of COVID-19, we will be launching our new five-year strategy for the Trust and celebrating 250 years of our Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

I confirm, that to the best of my knowledge the information contained within this report reflects a true, accurate and balanced picture of our performance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Higginson', written in a cursive style.

Sam Higginson
Chief Executive



Good News Story

New technology launches to speed up sepsis diagnosis for hospital patients

The combined Microbiology departments at the Eastern Pathology Alliance have launched onsite blood culture machines across Norfolk's three acute hospitals to diagnose sepsis more quickly.

Sepsis is a serious life-threatening condition that can occur in patients in the community or in hospital with vulnerable patients and patients with chronic health conditions most at risk.

The blood culture samples of hospital patients with suspected sepsis across Norfolk used to be sent to the Microbiology lab at Norwich Research Park.

However, new machines – the BioMerieux BACT/ Alert Virtuo – have been installed in the laboratories at the JPUH, NNUH and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, significantly reducing the time it takes to provide information to help clinical staff treat patients.

If sepsis is suspected, a patient's blood is collected and mixed with a sterile culture media to encourage the bug to grow so it can be identified by scientists Microbiology labs.

The new machines are part of the EPA Microbiology network service at the three

hospitals and will process hundreds of blood samples each week that will be reviewed more quickly and patients with positive samples can be treated with more focused antibiotics at an earlier stage. Once a blood culture sample is collected it can be delivered to the onsite lab straight away and fed into the fully automated system immediately day or night.

The benefits include:

- Optimal growth and reduced loss of fastidious organisms
- Prompt results and further work available sooner due to decreased transport delay
- Negative results released sooner, meaning patients will be discharged more promptly
- Increased bed space
- Reduced unnecessary antibiotic usage and associated antibiotic resistance development
- Better patients outcomes, decrease in costs
- Improved adherence to National guidelines



Part 2 – Priorities for improvement and statements of assurance from the board





Good news story

First AR neuromodulation spinal surgery in the world takes place at NNUH

The first neuromodulation AR surgery in the world has taken place at our hospital.

Nick Steele, Spinal Consultant, and team used the latest video technology and augmented reality (AR) goggles and were assisted by a neurosurgical colleague in Wales providing extra support with a complex spinal cord stimulation procedure.

The operation took place with technical support on hand by Rods and Cones in Belgium, which meant we were the first Neuromodulation team to use the Boston Scientific augmented reality goggles worldwide. The technology provides remote support or teaching without the need for a supporting surgeon to travel a long distance to be physically present in the operating room.

Ann-Katrin Fritz, Consultant in Neuromodulation and Pain Management, said: *“When procedures are complicated, this technology allows us to have another specialist available in another part of the UK and someone very experienced in that procedure. It is the next best thing to having someone scrubbed up at the table in the theatre and there are a lot of advantages to this.*

“Having that extra support if we do have an expected difficult case improves patient safety and the chances of the procedure being a success.

“The patient was fascinated and very grateful for the surgery to happen in this way. It is great that we can treat these patients at the hospital and not send them to other centres in Oxford or London.”



Due to the pandemic and service demands, performance of the fourteen quality improvement priorities set out for 2021/22 in the 2020/21 Quality Account has been mixed; a number of priorities were met, had significant improvement or sustainable results demonstrated over the year. The fourteen priorities were:

Patient Safety:

- **Safe 1:** Appropriate Antibiotic Prescribing for UTI in adults aged 16 + (Target for 2021/22 met)
- **Safe 3:** Recording of NEWS2 Score, escalation time and response times for unplanned critical care admissions. (Target for 2021/22 met)
- **Safe 4:** Screening and Treatment of Iron Deficiency anaemia in patients listed for major elective blood loss surgery.
- **Safe 5:** Treatment of Community Acquired pneumonia (CAP) in line with BTS Care Bundle (Target for 2021/22 met)
- **Safe 6:** Rapid rule out protocol for ED patients with suspected acute myocardial infarction
- **Safe 7:** All pregnant women will have a discussion regarding preferred place of birth and a risk assessment of their choice at each scheduled Antenatal appointment.

Clinical Effectiveness:

- **Effective 1:** Adherence to Evidence Based intervention Clinical Criteria (Target for 2021/22 met)
- **UoR9.1.1:** The implementation of a robust discharge to assess process and earlier more efficient discharge planning.
- **UoR8.1.3:** Same Day Emergency Care focus on frailty service
- **UoR9.1:** The implementation of a robust discharge to assess process and earlier more efficient discharge planning.

- **UoR9.1.3:** Reconfiguration the ED footprint and patient journey processes through the department with a focus on improved triage processes and the management of ambulatory majors.

Experience:

- **Experience 1:** Shared Decision Making; Cardiology (Target for 2021/22 met)
- **Experience 3:** Patient experience of redesigned processes (described in effectiveness section)
- **Experience 4:** Improving patient centred transfers of care

The Board of Directors has chosen to refresh the quality priorities to align to the new Trust Strategy 'Caring with PRIDE' 2022-2026 published in April 2022. Eleven new priorities are being introduced:

Patient Safety:

- Improve surveillance of patients who have delayed surgical treatment - (Harm review process)
- Safe record keeping and results management – 1-3 years
- Improving Emergency Pathways – 1-2 years
- Provide personalised safe care to women, people, babies and their families – 1-2 years

Clinical Effectiveness:

- Reduce waiting list backlog (Personalised Outpatient Programme)
- Improve COPD pathway 1-2 years
- Improve Orthopaedic pathways and outcomes

Patient Experience:

- Shared Decision Making and Personalised Care – 1-3 years
- Improving equity of access and experience to services 1-2 years
- Introduce the Home First model (Discharge to Assess) 1-2 years

Staff Experience:

- Improve Staff Experience 1-3 years

Due to the pandemic CQUINs for 2020/21 which were suspended nationally, and as we were heavily focussed on the pandemic response, we agreed that these would be adopted as the Quality Priorities for 2020/21 which were rolled over into 2021/22. Data for the discontinued priorities is still collected, monitored and reported internally at the relevant Trust groups e.g. evidence group and Quality Programme Board.

Patient Safety

Improve surveillance of patients who have delayed surgical treatment - (Harm review process)	
Rationale	<p>Prolonged waiting times for elective care with increased risk of harm whilst waiting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic commitment 1 • Corporate Risk Register - 1 score 20 • Risk Register: 363, 513, 694, 908, 948, 1299, 1407, 1410, 1599, 1504, 1636, 1637, 1670, 1826, 1856, 1877 • Business Assurance Framework: 1.3
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P codes assigned to all on waiting list • Embed robust harm review process • Identify higher risk pathways and reprioritise the to come in date • Identify themes from harm review of those identified as experiencing moderate or above harm
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews Due (in the past and in the future) • Reviews completed (on time and not on time/breaching target) • Performance % = [Reviews Completed On Time]/[Reviews Due] • Upgrades and downgrades at review (e.g. P3 to P2 = upgrade) • Emergency admissions whilst on waiting list • Deaths whilst on waiting list (related to index condition) • Analysis of moderate and above harm incidents <p>Monitored via Elective Clinical Harm Group and system Clinical Harm and Prioritisation Group reporting to Elective Recovery Board</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Medical Director Deputy Chief Operations Officer Elective Deputy Chief Nurse Elective Recovery Associate Medical Director</p>

Safe record keeping and results management – 1 - 3 years	
Rationale	<p>Documentation and management of results a theme from Structured Judgement Review and Serious Incidents</p> <p>Quality of discharge information a theme from patient complaints and feedback from primary care partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic commitment 1, 3 & 5.
How we will do this	<p>Implement an enterprise electronic health record by 2024.</p> <p>Write guidance, learn from best practise from other hospitals Define and process map clinical processes and define the future state in preparation for Electronic Patient Record.</p> <p>Set up and resource an ICE filing Task and Finish group</p> <p>Implement a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for filing results</p> <p>Improve quality of electronic discharge letters – timeliness and completeness of letters</p>
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety incidents related to results management • % Electronic Discharge Letter (EDL) completed at time of discharge • Audit compliance with ICE filing SOP in Q3/4 <p>Power BI dashboard and digital health quality reporting into Clinical Safety and Effectiveness Sub-Board Committee.</p> <p>Monitored via EDL task and finish group</p> <p>Monitored via ICE filing Task and Finish group</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Medical Director Chief Clinical Information Officer Deputy Medical Director Associate Medical Director Primary Care</p>

Improving Emergency Pathways – 1-2 years	
Rationale	<p>Increasing numbers of people requiring unplanned care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Commitment 1, 3 • Corporate Risk Register 5 – score 20 • Risk Register: 717, 965, 1002, 1256, 1381, 1510, 1511, 1609 & 1689 • Business Assurance Framework:1.2
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Better Faster programme • Reconfigure Emergency Department (ED) footprint to make flow through dept more efficient • Establish an Urgent Treatment Centre at Cromer and NNUH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise efficient use of Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC)
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance handover times • Time to initial assessment • Admissions within 1 hour of being clinically ready to proceed • Total time in ED • Average time in ED • 4 hour standard • SDEC activity levels • Virtual Ward activity • Average Length of Stay • Pathway zero No Criteria to Reside (NC2R) • Discharge to assess 1-3 NC2R patients • GP streaming activity • Discharges before 12 noon <p>Monitored via Emergency and Urgent Care Improvement Board</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Chief Operations Officer (COO) Deputy COO– Urgent and Emergency Care Chief Of Division (COD) Medicine COD Surgery, Emergency and critical care Operations Director – Transformation and Integration</p>

Provide personalised safe care to women, people, babies and their families – 1-2 years	
Rationale	<p>Maternity services are experiencing high levels of scrutiny</p> <p>Several published reports that highlight maternity safety concerns</p> <p>CQC State of Care report 2021 – ongoing quality concern that Maternity Improvements are too slow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic commitment 1.
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess our services against the recommendations from national reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ockenden ○ East Kent ○ Nottingham • Develop robust safety assurance processes • Create a maternity metrics dashboard
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery method and location (excluding C section) • Place of birth risk assessment • 1:1 care in labour

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternal mortality • 3rd & 4th degree tear • Post-Partum Haemorrhage at or >1.5l • Unplanned admission to critical care complex • Mothers transferred out of unit • Readmissions within 30 days • At risk groups (>45yrs, black Asian and minority ethnic group, Vulnerable groups) • Perinatal Mortality • Stillbirth and early neonatal death <6days • Unplanned admission to NICU at 37/40+ • Seizures, therapeutic cooling, Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy grade 3. • Unit closures. <p>Monitored via Maternity Safety Board</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Chief Nurse</p> <p>Director of Midwifery</p> <p>Service Director Obstetrics</p>

Clinical Effectiveness

Reduce waiting list backlog (Personalised Outpatient Programme)	
Rationale	<p>NHS target to reduce outpatient follow-ups by a minimum of 25% against 2019/20 activity levels by March 2023 to release time for new appointments and additional procedure lists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic commitment 1 • Corporate Risk Register 1 • Risk Register: 363, 513, 694, 908, 948, 1299, 1407, 1410, 1599, 1504, 1636, 1637, 1670, 1826, 1856, 1877 • Business Assurance Framework: 1.3
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a Personalised Outpatient Programme • Implement 2 new IT systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infinity – a referral task management platform linked to the Patient Administration system ○ DrDoctor – a cloud based platform for 2 way communication between the hospital and patients
Proposed measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Follow up appointments

and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new appointments • Impact on waiting list • Patient feedback <p>Monitored via Personalised Outpatient Programme Board</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Chief Operations Officer Operations Director – Transformation and Integration</p>

Improve Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) pathway 1-2 years.	
Rationale	<p>Current COPD pathway is secondary care focussed and a significant number of patients attend ED or are admitted with exacerbation of COPD who could be managed effectively in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic commitment 3 • Corporate Risk Register 5 score 20 • Risk Register: 717, 965, 1002, 1256, 1381, 1510, 1511, 1609 & 1689 • Business Assurance Framework:1.2 • COPD National Action plan Feb 2021.
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) and Right Care data to identify pathway issues • Reduce unnecessary inpatient stays • Increasing the number of planning discussions for end of life • Implement Shared Decision Making • Increase use of Virtual Ward • Explore community model to include pulmonary rehab and alternate pathways • Engage and work with system partners to redesign pathway to a more self-managed community supported model • Adopt and embed best practice care bundle and COPD national action plan
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for admission and specialties admitted into • Length of stay • Readmission rates • Audit of readmission cases to identify themes • Increase personalised ceiling of care plans (ReSPECT) • Mortality data • Preferred place of death • National audit

	Monitored through Medical Divisional Board Progress reported via Quality Programme Board
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	Operational Lead Respiratory Respiratory Matron Medical Lead (to be confirmed)

Improve Orthopaedic pathways and outcomes	
Rationale	Prolonged waiting times for elective care with increased risk of harm whilst waiting. Trauma and Orthopaedics is the specialty with the largest waiting list. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic commitment 1, 4 • Corporate Risk Register - 1 score 20 • Risk Register: 363, 513, 694, 908, 948, 1299, 1407, 1410, 1599, 1504, 1636, 1637, 1670, 1826, 1856, 1877 • Business Assurance Framework: 1.3
How we will do this	Provide a dedicated orthopaedic centre comprising of two new laminar theatres and a dedicated bed base.
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress against project plan • Recovery of the Orthopaedic elective backlog towards 18 Week compliance • Reduction in orthopaedic cancellations for wider Trust pressures • Reduction in length of stay for Hips and Knees surgery • Increase in Day Case procedures • Elective hip and knee outcomes via National audit <p>Monitored via Project Steering Group</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	Director of Strategy Project Manager Deputy Director of Operations within Surgery

Patient Experience

Shared Decision Making and Personalised Care – 1-3 years	
Rationale	Achieving high quality shared decision-making conversations to support patients to make informed decisions based on available evidence, knowledge of risks, benefits, consequences and the options available to them and their preference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic commitment 1 • Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) • Compliance with NICE guidance and General Medical Counsel guidance on Shared Decision Making and consent

How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on the following areas for 2022/23: Primary immune deficiencies, Bone marrow transplant, Palliative chemotherapy, Cardiology COPD
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure level of patient satisfaction with SDM conversations as measured by patient scores on internationally validated patient questionnaires <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Medical Director Deputy Medical Director Associate Director Patient Engagement and Experience</p>

Improving equity of access and experience to services 1-2 years	
Rationale	<p>Equality Delivery System 2 (EDS2) Core 20 plus 5 Reducing health inequalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By working with seldom heard groups we will ensure that everyone has equitable care Strategic commitment 1, 3
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using EDS2 data as a baseline to inform required improvement work Conduct Patient and community survey Programme of Community engagement Set up a community reference group Set up robust governance structure
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDS2 data <p>Monitored via Patient Engagement Experience Group and Equality and Diversity Group</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Chief Nurse Associate Director Patient Engagement and Experience</p>

Introduce the Home First model (Discharge to Assess (D2A)) 1-2 years	
Rationale	<p>Increasing numbers of patient medically fit for discharge without criteria to reside</p> <p>Enhanced therapy and rehab input with this model of care which supports improved experience and outcomes for patients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic commitment 1 Corporate Risk Register - 6 – Score 20 Risk Register: 1371 & 1173 Business Assurance Framework:1.3

How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a dedicated Home first Unit with the right skills and experience to rehabilitate patients whilst waiting an ongoing care placement Roll out and embed SAFER (Senior review, All patients, Flow, Early discharge, Review)
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average length of stay Pathway zero No Criteria to Reside (NC2R) D2A 1-3 NC2R patients GP streaming activity Discharges before 12 noon <p>Monitored via Emergency and Urgent Care Improvement Board</p> <p>Progress reported via Quality Programme Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Chief Nurse Chief Of Division Clinical Support Services Divisional Director Clinical Support Services</p>

Staff Experience

Improve Staff Experience 1-2 years	
Rationale	<p>Staff Survey 2021 results indicate all 7 People Promise Themes and Staff Engagement, and morale theme are below the national average (of 126 acute trusts).</p> <p>Trusts with higher levels of staff engagement deliver services of higher quality and perform better financially, as rated by the Care Quality Commission. They have higher patient satisfaction scores and lower staff absenteeism. They have consistently lower patient mortality rates than other trusts.</p> <p>Strategic Commitment 2.</p> <p>Corporate Risk Register: 10, 12 – Score 20</p> <p>Business Assurance Framework - 2.2, 4.4, 5.4</p>
How we will do this	<p>We need to make transformational, sustained improvement into how our staff feel about working at NNUH.</p> <p>Year one priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve staff facilities across the Trust following investment Improve quality of appraisal, with new Personal Development Review (PDR) process. This will include a health and wellbeing discussion and career conversation. Recruitment to establishment. Reform Dignity at Work Policy <p>Please see the full breakdown of these priorities below:</p>

Improve staff facilities following investment	
Rationale	<p>Staff survey results indicate widespread dissatisfaction regarding staff facilities/rest areas Survey also shows high levels of staff burnout and fatigue</p> <p>Supports NHS People Promise commitment of “We are safe and healthy” Strategic commitment 2</p>
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1M of investment has been agreed for improvements • Establishment of a joint decision making council to enable staff to play a part in identifying what will make the biggest impact • Communication to staff of the group’s purpose and how to enable their voice to heard • Programme of improvements to be identified, scoped and costed • Ensuring key stakeholder engagement to ensure projects are achievable and potential barriers identified • Communication plan to ensure staff are kept informed and able to contribute
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<p>Programme of improvements in place with timescales for completion</p> <p>Annual staff survey results, Pulse surveys and feedback from trades unions and staff networks</p> <p>Monitored as part of People Promise commitments, Workforce and Education Sub-Board (WESB) and People and Culture Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Chief People Officer</p> <p>Head of Facilities/Estates</p>
Improve quality of appraisal with new Personal Development Review (PDR) process	
Rationale	<p>Staff survey results indicate that current process did not help them to do their job better, nor set high quality objectives.</p> <p>Appraisal is a key part of staff engagement and building a good relationship with your line manager. Trusts with higher levels of staff engagement deliver higher quality services, perform better financially and have higher patient satisfaction scores and lower staff absence.</p> <p>Supports all seven of the People Promise Commitments Strategic commitment 2</p>
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised PDR process to be implemented, aligned to People Promise and organisational strategic commitments • Programme of line manager training and supporting materials to be in place • PDRs to be delivered on a “cascade” basis during a 6 month period, starting with the most senior posts • Divisions to agree and implement a detailed plan to deliver and

	<p>monitor against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and wellbeing and career conversations to form a key part of PDR, with appropriate signposting to wider resources and support within the organisation to enable meaningful discussion
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<p>Organisational and divisional compliance to be monitored via Patient Assurance Framework (PAF)</p> <p>Divisional support provided by Business Partnering team to enable divisions to identify areas of concern and action plan</p> <p>Sample quality testing of completed PDR forms</p> <p>Annual staff survey and quarterly Pulse survey results</p> <p>Monitored as part of People Promise commitments, WESB and People and Culture Board</p>
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	<p>Chief People Officer</p> <p>Director of HR and Head of Corporate HR Management</p>
Recruitment to Establishment	
Rationale	<p>Current vacancy factor of 18.8% and turnover of 14.2%</p> <p>Reliance on bank and agency to ensure staffing levels are maintained</p> <p>Staff survey results show high levels of burnout, fatigue and that staff feel there are not enough staff to enable them to do their job properly.</p> <p>Supports "We are a Team" and wider People Promise Commitments Strategic commitment 2</p>
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in each stage of time to hire process to meet 55 days by end June 2022 Line manager education and support regarding recruitment best practice through Licenced to Lead Programme and bespoke training packages Review of each step of the pre-employment checks and opportunities to streamline Internal recruitment processes streamlined to facilitate faster internal moves Continued international nursing recruitment programme Large-scale Healthcare Assistant (HCA) recruitment programme and enhanced support to increase retention Increased access to flexible working opportunities and bank to permanent Updated and best practice candidate attraction via advertising and website with greater opportunities for candidates to learn more about the role prior to application
Proposed measurement	<p>Time to hire to be at 55 days by end June 2022</p> <p>Turnover to reduce to 10% by end March 2023</p>

and monitoring	Vacancy factor to reduce to 8% by end March 2023 Monitored as part of People Promise Commitments, WESB, Integrated Performance Report (IPR) and People and Culture Board
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	Chief People Officer Director of HR
Reform Dignity at Work Policy	
Rationale	Staff survey results show an increase in the number of staff reporting they feel bullied at work This is also reflected within Speak Up complaints, together with concerns regarding the length of time investigations can take and the impact onto staff. Supports “We are safe and healthy” and wider People Promise Commitments Strategic commitment 2
How we will do this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External review of current Communicating with PRIDE and Dignity at Work processes • Workstream established to review key findings and consider potential changes to policy and supporting processes • Revised policy to be drafted and agreed with trades unions • Each division to identify “heatmap” of areas for concern from staff survey results, with Chief of Division (CoD) as Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) for action plans to improve • Training for line managers in managing conflict as part of the Licensed to Lead programme • Introduction of trained mediators to enable faster resolution • Launch and delivery of Health and Wellbeing Framework
Proposed measurement and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the number of formal complaints raised and investigated via an increase in the number of informal resolutions • Divisional monitoring of action plans against heatmaps supported by HR Business Partners and in partnership with Speak Up Guardian and Trades Unions • Reduction in the number of complaints made via the Speak Up Guardian that relate to poor behaviours • Monitored as part of People Promise commitments, WESB and People and Culture Board
Executive Lead and Delivery Leads	Chief People Officer Director of HR and Head of HR Corporate Development



Good News Story

Leisa Freeman, Honorary Consultant in Cardiology, awarded honorary fellowship of the RCOG

Leisa Freeman, Honorary Consultant Cardiologist, has been awarded an honorary fellowship from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) for her contribution to women's health and in particular maternal cardiology.

Leisa, who retired last October, established an adult congenital heart service at our hospital in 1993.

NHS England in 2018 approved NNUH as a Specialist Congenital Cardiac Centre, one of only four in England.

Leisa established annual courses for heart conditions and pregnancy aimed at trainee cardiologists, obstetricians and obstetric anaesthetists and was a speaker at national and international pregnancy and heart disease meetings.

Together with Katherine Stanley, former Maternal Medicine Lead, in 1997 Leisa started a joint service to look after pregnant women with congenital heart

conditions. The service rapidly expanded to look after patients with congenital and acquired heart conditions from across the East of England.

The demand for the service saw the joint Obstetric Cardiology Clinic occurring every other week with Obstetricians Fran Harlow, Alasdair Mckelvey and Jon Lartey.

"It is a great honour to receive this Fellowship which is rarely awarded to healthcare professionals working outside women's health," said Leisa.

"I'm proud of having established a new service which is continuing after my retirement under the lead of Cathy Head, Consultant Cardiologist, who recently set up the UK Maternal Cardiology Society."

Pictured from left: Eddie Morris, President of RCOG; Fran Harlow, Maternal Medicine Lead; Leisa Freeman, Honorary Consultant Cardiologist; Alasdair Mckelvey, Obstetrician and regional EoE representative on council RCOG



Part 2.2 - Board Assurance Statements

Review of services

During 2021/2022 the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provided and/or sub-contracted 80 relevant health services.

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has reviewed all the data available to them on the quality of care in 80 of these relevant health services.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic funding for services, both clinical and non-clinical, have block funding with levels of funding dictated by NHS England and Improvement. Therefore, we are unable to indicate the percentage of income generated from the provision of relevant health services by the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2021/2022.

Information on participation in national clinical audits (NCA) and national confidential enquiries (NCE)

During 2021/22 58 Quality Account national clinical audits and 4 Quality Account national confidential enquiries covered relevant health services that Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation provides.

During that period Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation participated in 100% national clinical audits and 100% national confidential enquiries of the Quality Account national clinical audits and national confidential enquiries that it was mandated to participate in. We did not participate in the National Respiratory Audit for National Outpatient Management of Pulmonary Embolism the pressures of the pandemic on the Respiratory Department.

Data collection was suspended in a few Quality Account national audits due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We participated in other National Audits which fall outside of the Quality Account recommended list.

The national Quality Account clinical audits and national confidential enquiries that Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation participated in during 2021/22 are listed below alongside the number of cases submitted to each audit or enquiry as a percentage of the number of registered cases required by the terms of that audit or enquiry.

[NB. The data collection period for some of these audits is still in progress. Final figures are not yet available for all audits and these participation rates may increase or decrease.]

National Clinical Audit (alphabetical order)	Eligible Y/N	Took part Y/N	Participation Rate Cases Submitted	Completed/ In-progress/ Ongoing
Case Mix Programme	Y	Y	1586/1586 (100%)	Ongoing
Child Health Clinical Outcome Review Programme (NCE)	Y	Y	Transition from child to adult health services: 4/7 (57%)	In progress
Chronic Kidney Disease registry	Y	Y	857/857 (100%)	Ongoing
Cleft Registry and Audit NEtwork Database	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
Elective Surgery (National PROMs Programme)	Y	Y	Hips 454/460 (98.7%) Knees 314/318 (98.74%)	Ongoing
Emergency Medicine QIPs				
<i>a. Pain in Children (care in Emergency Departments)</i>	Y	Y	56/56 (100%)	Ongoing
<i>b. Severe sepsis and septic shock (care in Emergency Departments)</i>	Y	n/a	This did not run in 2021/22	n/a
Falls and Fragility Fracture Audit Programme				
<i>a. Fracture Liaison Service Database</i>	N	n/a	No Fracture Liaison Service	n/a
<i>b. National Audit of Inpatient Falls</i>	Y	Y	1/36 (3%)	Ongoing
<i>c. National Hip Fracture Database</i>	Y	Y	759/759 (100%)	Ongoing
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Audit	Y	Y	11/11 100%	Ongoing
Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme (NCE)	Y	Y	4/4 (100%) of applicable cases submitted 13 cases were not submitted due to National Data Opt-Out	Ongoing
Maternal and Newborn Infant Clinical Outcome Review Programme (NCE)	Y	Y	47/47 (100%) Maternal deaths x1 Late Fetal Loss:	Ongoing

			x1 Terminations: x9 Stillbirths: x12 Early Neonatal Deaths: 19 Late Neonatal Deaths (includes. Transfers in): x5	
Medical and Surgical Clinical Outcome Review Programme (NCE)	Y	Y	Epilepsy Study: 3/5 (60%)	In progress
Mental Health Clinical Outcome Review Programme	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
National Adult Diabetes Audit				
<i>a. National Diabetes Core Audit</i>	Y	Y	Data collection for the 2021/22 audit closes in June. Anticipated will be 100%	In Progress
<i>b. National Pregnancy in Diabetes Audit</i>	Y	Y	54/54 (100%)	Completed
<i>c. National Diabetes Footcare Audit</i>	Y	Y	180/180 (100%)	Ongoing
<i>d. National Inpatient Diabetes Audit, including National Diabetes In-patient Audit – Harms</i>	Y	Y	38/38 (100%)	Completed
National Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Audit Programme				
<i>a. Paediatric Asthma Secondary Care</i>	Y	Y	4/55 (7%)	Completed
<i>b. Adult Asthma Secondary Care</i>	Y	Y	133/133 (100%)	Ongoing
<i>c. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Secondary Care</i>	Y	Y	432/432 (100%)	Ongoing
<i>d. Pulmonary Rehabilitation- Organisational and Clinical Audit</i>	N	N	n/a	n/a
National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients	Y	Y	252/252 (100%)	Ongoing
National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation	Y	Y	3185/3365 (95%)	Ongoing
National Audit of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention	N	N	n/a	n/a
National Audit of Care at the End of Life	Y	Y	40/40 (100%)	
National Audit of Dementia	Y	n/a	As a result of the pandemic, the planned audit activity for the National Audit of Dementia was suspended.	n/a
National Audit of Pulmonary	N	n/a	n/a	n/a

Hypertension				
National Audit of Seizures and Epilepsies in Children and Young People (Epilepsy 12)	Y	Y	12/29 (41.4%)	Ongoing
National Cardiac Arrest Audit	Y	Y	72/72 (100%)	Ongoing
National Cardiac Audit Programme				
<i>a. National Audit of Cardiac Rhythm Management</i>	Y	Y	Electrophysiology 661/669 (99%) Pacemaker 1362/1362 (100%)	Ongoing
<i>b. Myocardial Ischaemia National Audit Project</i>	Y	Y	976/998 (98%)	Ongoing
<i>c. National Adult Cardiac Surgery Audit</i>	N	N	n/a	n/a
<i>d. National Audit of Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCI) (Coronary Angioplasty)</i>	Y	Y	1579/1592 (99%)	Ongoing
<i>e. National Heart Failure Audit</i>			404/405 (100%)	Ongoing
<i>f. National Congenital Heart Disease</i>	N	N	n/a	N/a
National Child Mortality Database	Y	Y	11/11 (100%) All child deaths are registered as required via the Child Deaths Overview Panel (CDOP) and the national database takes its data direct from the CDOPs.	Ongoing
National Clinical Audit of Psychosis	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
National Comparative Audit of Blood Transfusion				
<i>a. 2021 Audit of Patient Blood Management & NICE Guidelines</i>	Y	Y	25/25 (100%)	Completed
<i>b. 2021 Audit of the perioperative management of anaemia in children undergoing elective surgery</i>	Y	n/a	This audit did not run in 2021/22	n/a
National Early Inflammatory Arthritis Audit	Y	Y	30 Percentage not available due to data requirements	Ongoing
National Emergency Laparotomy Audit	Y	Y	291/291 (100%)	Ongoing
National Gastro-intestinal Cancer Programme				

<i>a. National Oesophago-gastric Cancer</i>	Y	Y	202/202 (100%)	Ongoing
<i>b. National Bowel Cancer Audit</i>	Y	Y	438/438 (100%)	Ongoing
National Joint Registry	Y	Y	725/725 (100%)	Ongoing
National Lung Cancer Audit	Y	Y	345/345 (100%)	Ongoing
National Maternity and Perinatal Audit	Y	Y	100% All births are registered as required and data is taken directly by NHS Digital	Ongoing
National Neonatal Audit Programme	Y	Y	1126/1126 (100%)	Ongoing
National Paediatric Diabetes Audit	Y	Y	313/313 (100%)	Complete
National Perinatal Mortality Review Tool	Y	Y	37/37 (100%)	Ongoing
National Prostate Cancer Audit	Y	Y	398/398 (100%)	Ongoing
National Vascular Registry	Y	Y	78 abdominal aortic aneurysm 40 carotid endarterectomy. (anticipated >95% case ascertainment)	Ongoing
Neurosurgical National Audit Programme	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes Registry	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paediatric Intensive Care Audit	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prescribing Observatory for Mental Health	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>a. Prescribing for depression in adult mental health services</i>	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>b. Prescribing for substance misuse: alcohol detoxification</i>	N	n/a	n/a	n/a
Respiratory Audits				
<i>a. National Outpatient Management of Pulmonary Embolism</i>	Y	N	No data was submitted due to the pressures of the pandemic on the department.	n/a
Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme	Y	Y	919/919 (100%)	Ongoing
Serious Hazards of Transfusion	Y	Y	21/21 (100%)	Ongoing
Society for Acute Medicine Benchmarking Audit	Y	Y	95/95 (100%)	Complete

Transurethral REsection and Single instillation mitomycin C Evaluation in bladder Cancer Treatment	Y	Y	55/55 (100%)	Ongoing
Trauma Audit & Research Network	Y	Y	617/735 (83.9%)	Ongoing
UK Cystic Fibrosis Registry	Y	Y	Paediatrics 51/51 (100%) and where required all had an annual review Adults x 86/89 (97%)	Ongoing
Urology Audits				
<i>a. Cytoreductive Radical Nephrectomy Audit</i>	Y	N	n/a	Audit did not run in 2021/22.
<i>b. Management of the Lower Ureter in Nephroureterectomy Audit (BAUS Lower NU Audit)</i>	Y	Y	1/57 (1%) BAUS confirmed Consultants at Norfolk and Norwich participated in the Cytoreductive Radical Nephrectomy Audit, but did not submit the required follow-up data to the Lower NU audit	Ongoing

The reports of published national clinical audits or confidential enquiries were reviewed by the provider in 2021/22. These are reported to through department's local governance teams and the Clinical Effectiveness Operational Group. Some examples of actions undertaken following review are given below. The number of published reports was reduced in the year 2021/2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Audit Name	Key Successes	Key concerns	Key actions
National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation	Retained certification for National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation (NACR)/British Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and	National figures demonstrated a drop in participation rates of patients from more deprived areas. There was	Key actions included: review of deprivation data from NACR; ensuring new components of the Cardiac Rehabilitation

	Rehabilitation (BACPR) standards.	significant shift away from group-based Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR) to home-based CR. There are concerns about the quality of home-based CR. Redeployment or suspension of service during Covid-19 impacted teams.	Programme, such as virtual programme, aligns with BACPR national standards; ensuring staff training maintained; and working with Community Teams.
National Joint Registry (NJR)	The national audit report demonstrated that the Trust achieved a case ascertainment rate of 96% and was at expected levels in regard to hip revision rate and 90 day mortality rate for both hip and knee replacement surgery. The Trust was highlighted to have a better-than-expected knee revision rate.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
National Bowel Cancer Audit (NBOCA)	The audit report demonstrates that the Trust has one of the largest volumes of resections in the country, with the best observed and adjusted 90-day mortality rate in the East of England Network. The rates of unplanned readmissions, emergency surgery, and adequate lymph node count for the Trust were better than the national average, and the Trust was a positive outlier in terms of 18 month unclosed ileostomy rate (19%), which is a determinant of quality of life and risk of Renal injury.	No key concerns identified.	No key actions required

National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients (NABCOP)	The national audit report demonstrated that the Trust's performance against all key indicators was above or at expected levels.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS) Renal Colic National Audit	The audit demonstrated the Trust has a high primary extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) rate for ureteric stones and a lower than national average stent rate which is good.	The results found computed tomography of kidneys, ureters and bladder (CTKUB) was only achieved within 24hrs in 85% of cases compared with 91% nationally.	As a result of the audit the Fast Track Renal Protocol with Radiology and the Emergency Department (ED) was reviewed and updated.
National Cystic Fibrosis Registry	The report confirmed that the Paediatric Cystic Fibrosis (CF) service met the national standards, was performing well and was not a significant outlier in any of the clinical outcome measures.	No key concerns identified.	The report was discussed in detail in the Joint Adult and Paediatric Cystic Fibrosis multidisciplinary team (MDT) meeting. Staff continue to ensure that regular cough swabs/sputum are sent and where applicable referral to bronchoscopy made. Dieticians continue to counsel patients regarding weight/BMI where applicable.
Learning Disability Mortality Review Programme (LeDeR Programme) Audit (National)	Changes to clinical audit parameters were made based on LeDeR findings. Reduced mortality was demonstrated. Improvements were noted in weight monitoring, bowel monitoring, pain recognition, timely best interest decision-making and appropriate balance of carer input. Good liaison with Clinical Commissioning Groups	Information governance arrangements were preventing notification to LeDeR.	An action plan was formulated to standardise the notification monitoring within the team. Policies and processes were updated to reflect findings. There were improvements in Structured Judgement Review process, and more

	was demonstrated.		alignment with LeDeR.
National Trauma Audit and Research Network (TARN)	<p>The Trust was praised by the Trauma Network, who use the TARN data for their reviews, for stepping up during the second wave of the pandemic and developing the pathway for secondary transfers. Recognition was also given for the introduction of the revised Trauma Policy, Trauma Team Leader/Trauma Team Member training during the pandemic and the introduction of rehabilitation prescriptions.</p> <p>Our case ascertainment of 83.9% for 2021 was higher than the 80% required by TARN for reliable reporting. This was reflected in the Clinical Report 3 which cites that “the data in the report should be viewed with confidence”.</p>	The Trauma Network have submitted their feedback from the peer review and the overall outcome is that performance has decreased	<p>In response to the Peer Review report and published TARN reports actions taken have included TXA training and additional information displayed in ED. Audit of time to Computerised Tomography (CT) for Trauma patients was also undertaken. There was confirmed funding for Trauma and Rehabilitation Co-ordinators and development of a job description. The Co-ordinators will also take on the role of key worker. An audit of attendance at Trauma Team Member training sessions was undertaken with a plan for enhanced awareness in the new year. It was agreed that the Consumables Resource Team in the Emergency Department will be trained to scribe for Trauma calls.</p>
Medical and Surgical Clinical Outcome Review Programme	Key successes were identified in the Dysphagia in Parkinson's Disease (PD) gap analysis. This included members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team all	Some key concerns were noted and an action plan created to address these.	Key actions included: creating a dedicated specialist SLT post designated to PD patients;

	<p>included in discussions of patients with PD who have swallowing difficulties;</p> <p>Every patient with PD who is seen by a Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) have their food, fluid, and medication route recommendations documented on their electronic discharge letter.</p>		<p>generating a bid for extra funding to employ inpatient PD Specialist Nurses;</p> <p>the design of a clinical pathway for the management of dysphagia in PD patients.</p>
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The reports of completed local clinical audits were reviewed by the provider in 2021/22. These are reported to through department's local governance teams and the Clinical Safety and Effectiveness Sub-Board. Some examples of actions undertaken following review are given below. 85% of clinical audits on the Trust Clinical Audit Plan were completed in 21/22. 8% remain in progress and 7% were abandoned.

Audit Name	Key Successes	Key concerns	Key actions
Audit of Changes in Practice in Palliative Care Due to Covid-19	The audit results demonstrated that the Quality of end-of-life care was equal to if not better than pre-pandemic even if the Specialist Palliative Care Team were not directly involved.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit Of Deliberate Self Harm	The audit evidence demonstrated that patients had regularly received the appropriate input and risk management interventions in relation to their presentation and level of risk. There was consistent evidence of the use of the Patient Safety Plan being fully completed for patients admitted to a Paediatric Ward. There was an increase in cases meeting the criteria in full.	A number of patients self-discharged before they had a risk management plan in place. There was limited evidence in the cases audited that the Patient Safety Plan was being utilised in adult areas.	Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists formulated an action plan to educate and encourage Medical Wards to contact the Mental Health Team for advice if patient wishes to self-discharge and to ensure patients on Medical Wards identified as being at risk of deliberate self-harm has a Patient Safety Plan Completed.

Audit of Adult Early Warning Score – Documentation of Observations and Response.	The audit results demonstrated a significant improvement in the recording and calculation of NEWS2 scores, corresponding with the introduction of the electronic observation recording platform.	No key concerns were identified.	The ongoing monitoring of compliance with standards for recording and responding to patient observations was integrated into the Tendable ward audit platform and care assurance process.
Audit of Compliance with Consent Policy	The audit demonstrated that consent forms were present in all case notes reviewed, with the following elements consistently completed; Procedure being undertaken, Risks of procedures, Signed and dated by health professional, and Patient signature for consent.	The key concern highlighted was the recurring theme of some elements not completed on the consent form	A system wide review of the Consent Policy, process and forms is in progress across the three Acute Trusts, which will address the concerns identified.
Audit Of Fluid Balance Charts	It was demonstrated that fluid charts are being updated.	Totalling of fluid balance at midnight was sometimes not completed	A quality improvement project in relation to fluid balance is being undertaken.
Audit of Changes in Practice in Neurology During Covid-19	There was no delay in providing lifesaving treatment and a good standard of care was given during the pandemic.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of Biologics Outcome Monitoring	All patients had their management discussed. No patients in the sample had Covid-19 as a cause of death.	No key concerns identified	None key actions required
Audit of Escalation of the Deteriorating Patient	The Recognise and Respond Team were able to respond to referrals within 30 minutes in 89% of cases, and no discernible delays could be identified in	No key concerns were identified by the audit, however the method of capturing key performance data and metrics for the Recognise and	The key action identified was the continued rollout of the Alertive App into clinical practice, which will enhance the service provided by the RRT and

	the escalation to critical care in 70% of patients.	Respond Team (RRT) could be improved.	support prompt escalation and response to changes in patients' conditions.
Audit of Audiology Postal Repair Turnaround Times	The audit demonstrated that 99% (182/183) of repairs met the target turnaround time of 2 days, with 58% (107/183) being completed in the same day.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of Achilles Tendon Rupture Management.	All patients with Achilles Tendon Injury were treated with functional bracing and were prescribed thromboprophylaxis, as per current clinical management pathway.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit Of Antenatal Steroids, Magnesium Sulphate - Compliance To National Health Service England (NHSE) Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle Version 2 (SBLCBv2) And Clinical Negligence Scheme For Trusts (CNST) Element 5	There was 100% compliance with the use of magnesium sulphate for the past 3 months and 100% compliance of preterm babies with normothermia.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit Of Cardiotocography (CTG) In Women Presenting With Reduced Fetal Movements - Compliance To National Health Service England (NHSE) Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle Version 2 (SBLCBv2) And Clinical Negligence Scheme For Trusts (CNST) Element 3 Recommendations	100% of patients had a computerised CTG and 97% were managed appropriately.	There were a few occasions when there was non-escalation.	The findings were circulated via the Fetal Surveillance Newsletter. They were added to the McLeod Maternity Assessment Unit (MMAU) key message board and added to the MMAU handover. Mandatory training will include actions for when criteria is not met.
Audit Surveillance Of Central Lines Infection	Audit results remained below the Matching	Paediatrics and the Critical Care	Results were disseminated with

Rate	Michigan benchmark of 1.4 per 1000 line days.	Complex were not included in this surveillance.	appropriate departments including Renal and Haematology and at the Hospital Infection Control Committee (HICC).
Audit Of Trust Commodes	The results demonstrated that 1401 Commodes were audited and there was 89% compliance between April 2021 and January 2022.	Occasionally an area has repeated fails.	If an area had repeated fails the Infection Prevention and Control (IPandC) Team worked with the staff in the area to encourage ownership of the importance of maintaining the cleanliness of commodes to prevent the spread of infection. The results were disseminated on the IPandC and Nursing Dashboards. There was communication of audit results and learning points to specific areas. Commode results were sent weekly to Divisional Leads and training provided where necessary.
Missed Dose Audit	The Critical Missed Medicines Audit Report was utilised to identify missed doses and allow further investigations. These were documented via Pharmacy Governance minutes.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Pharmacy National Benchmarking Audit	Results were above average for the percentage number of patients having medicines	No key concerns identified	No key actions required

	reconciliation within 24 hours. There was lower than average Pharmacy Staff turnover rate and an above mean level of the number of patients supported by Homecare.		
Controlled Drug Audit	The audit in January 22 demonstrated 100% compliance with ward area Controlled Drug Audits. There was a plan in place and improvements were seen in the completion of Theatres Controlled Drug Audits.	The trending and data review was not as robust as it could have been, due to limitations of the current system.	It was agreed to purchase an electronic controlled drug auditing tool to enhance data capture and trending abilities.
Audit of Obstetric Ultrasound Service Changes as a Result of COVID-19	Covid-19 did not affect the timings of patients having their anomaly scan within the recommended time frame.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit Of Mental Health Risk Screening	There was an established process in place in both the Adult and Paediatric Emergency Departments. The Paediatric Emergency Department compliance remained 90% or above (target 90%) since January 2020. Due to identified system issues, spot check audits commenced.	System issues within Symphony resulted in monthly compliance auditing being temporarily stopped.	An action plan was formulated to undertake a review of the Symphony issues with Information Technology Services to find a resolution.
Audit Of Paediatric Learning Disabilities Resources	The audit demonstrated success in many key areas. The results indicated that children and young people with learning disabilities received care that was well-adjusted to meet their individual needs and was responsive to	Use of rapid risk assessment resources was low (comparative to other data sets). This area saw an improvement over time, but still required targeted intervention.	An action plan was implemented to audit in line with the adult audit programme, which expanded clinical questions and breaks results down into emergency/elective

	<p>recommendations. Good involvement of families was reported alongside good use of resources, suggesting an empowered clinical workforce. Results were sustained over time.</p>		<p>pathways. This enabled better targeted intervention.</p>
<p>Audit Of Paediatric Reasonable Adjustments And Use Of Autism Spectrum Condition Resources</p>	<p>This audit demonstrated that autistic patients were experiencing care at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital that was both aware of and responsive to their needs for reasonable adjustments. There was evidence to suggest that information about adjustments travelled well through the hospital environment with the patient, and there were no significant emergent points of failure in the existing systems. The audit demonstrated that autistic patients did not experience diagnostic overshadowing in most cases. It was evidenced that autistic patients were well-contextualised and considered holistically.</p>	<p>The main concern of note was the comparatively lower use of rapid risk assessment by clinical areas.</p>	<p>An action plan was implemented to move the Children and Young Person Autism Audit to align with the Adult Audit Programme, which has expanded clinical questions and breaks results down into emergency/elective pathways.</p>
<p>Audit Of Clinical Care of Autistic Patients</p>	<p>Compared to the Learning Disability specific audit, the results regarding recognition of communication and pain expression needs were higher in the elective autistic patient group. There was</p>	<p>The audit results demonstrated evidence of over reliance on carers to interpret the person's needs.</p>	<p>An action plan was formulated to implement a risk assessment tool that can be utilised in the Emergency Department and the Acute Medical Unit. Education provided to help Link</p>

	evidence of excellent recognition of the need for carer support and in 100% of cases the support and adjustments required were identified and implemented for elective autistic patients. In emergency care, there was no evidence of diagnostic overshadowing, discrimination or inappropriate resuscitation decision making impacting patient care adversely.		Practitioners and key ward areas to engage with patients and include them in their care.
Audit Of Learning Disability Practice In The Emergency Department	No evidence of discrimination or overshadowing was demonstrated. This represented a key area in terms of patient safety and outcomes.	There was a decrease in the number of Learning Disability Risk Assessments being completed in September results when compared to the pilot in August	An action plan was formulated to improve: Emergency Department (ED) documentation of adjustments made; discharge measures for patients leaving from ED; completion of risk assessments. There was also a review of the questions being asked in the audit to ensure the nil evidence of diagnostic overshadowing / discrimination was accurate and well scrutinised.
Recommended Summary Plan For Emergency Care And Treatment Documentation Audit	The results demonstrated that 90% of Recommended Summary Plan For Emergency Care And Treatment (ReSPECT) forms were at the front of the healthcare records. 81% of patient's demographics	The key concerns identified that there was reduction in ReSPECT compliance compared with the previous two audit cycles.	As a result of the audit an action plan has been written which included: meeting with ReSPECT Leads on each ward to provide focused support of areas demonstrating poor

	<p>and information about diagnosis were correctly recorded. For the period December 2021 to January 2022 Hethel ward were commended for their Consultant leadership in ensuring: 93% of ReSPECT forms had a Consultant counter signature; diagnostic information was present; and paperwork signed, dated and completed with General Medical Council (GMC) number with 100% correct demographic. Kilverstone ward were commended for ensuring 100% of ReSPECT forms were located at the front of notes which is essential in an emergency situation.</p>		<p>compliance; a ReSPECT Education Programme to support clinicians and Senior Nursing staff having ReSPECT conversations with patients.</p>
Emergency Tracheostomy Safety Box Audit	The audit demonstrated that 100% of checklists were fully completed.	No key concerns identified	No key actions were required
Audit of Stress (Staff)	Dedicated Senior Health and Wellbeing Practitioner appointed to support the organisation in Health and Wellbeing programmes and strategy in relation to mental wellbeing.	Impact of COVID-19 on staff – burnout / Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD). Insufficient rest / restore for staff before commencing backlog of cases. Demands of work required over next year due to elective recovery programme Constant change in last 2 years relating to COVID / impact of changes	Stress risk assessment to become embedded for all departments. Wellbeing considered when undertaking policy change. Wellbeing of staff considered when changing environments of work / developing new work programmes. Recognition to staff who have been working in difficult conditions for

		on staff Strains of relationships between staff when busy Impact of anxiety of staff when staffing levels at critical point (wintertime with impact of COVID isolation)	several months. Role modelling of behaviours from leadership of trust to 'ground floor' workers.
Audit of Duty of Candour	The Trust was able to demonstrate 100% compliance with Duty of Candour from April 2021 to July where performance dipped to 63.2%. Performance has been consistent at 100% from August 2021 to date.	None, the decrease in performance for July was investigated and correlated with operational pressures and decreased staffing levels throughout the organisation.	To continue support Divisions to maintain 100% compliance. To review performance on occasions that 100% is not achieved, to agree appropriate actions and to support staff to implement and complete action required to improve performance. To continue to report performance to Clinical Safety and Effectiveness Board.
Audit of Patient Experience in Audiology - Adult Rehabilitation	The audit demonstrated that where applicable, many patients responded either 'Strongly agree' or 'Agree' to the questions, indicating a high level of satisfaction with their adult rehabilitation appointment. A number of positive comments were made by patients.	The results found that the response rate was low (ranging from 0% for the Hear For Norfolk clinic patients, to 25% for the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) patients).	As a result of the audit, an electronic version of the patient survey was designed to help encourage a higher response rate.
Audit of Patient Experience in Audiology - Vestibular Assessment, Paediatric Assessment, Bone	The audit demonstrated that where applicable, the vast majority of patients responded with either 'Strongly agree'	No key concerns identified	No key actions required

Conduction Hearing Systems (BCHS) Service, Hearing Therapy	or 'Agree' to the questions, indicating a high level of satisfaction with their Vestibular Assessment appointment. A number of positive comments were made by patients.		
Audit of Diabetes Eye Screening Service – Patient Experience	Patient satisfaction with the pre-appointment information and the overall clinic visit experience remained high, with 95% of patients responding positively. Consistently high rate of patient satisfaction in respect of interactions with the screening staff. 93% of patients felt safe from the risk of Covid-19 during their appointment.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Surgical Safety Checklist Use in Endoscopy	100% compliance to WHO checklists for many months of the year	No concerns	No key actions required
Audit of Completion of LocSSIP (Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures) for Botox Injections	The results demonstrated that 100% of cases had a fully completed LocSSIP inside the notes.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of the Documentation of the Bronchoscopy WHO Checklist	The results demonstrated that 100% of checklists were fully completed	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of Completion of LocSSIP (Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures) for Chest Drain	The results of the audit demonstrated that 100% of checklists were fully completed	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of the documentation of the Pleural WHO checklist	The results of the audit demonstrated that 100% of checklists were fully completed.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of World Health Organisation (WHO)	The audit demonstrated a high level of	No key concerns identified.	

Triangulation Data	compliance with the triangulated data: electronic data achieved 100% compliance, documented data achieved 99.8% compliance and observational data achieved 100% compliance.		No key actions required
Audit of Completion of LocSSIP (Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures) for Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Placement - Critical Care Complex (CCC)	All elements that required 100% compliance were achieved.	No key concerns identified.	No key actions required
Audit of Completion of LocSSIP (Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures) Ear Nose Throat (ENT) Department	Of the 7 audited Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures (LocSSIPs) a very high level of compliance, 99% (265/267) was demonstrated.	No key concerns identified.	Ongoing monitoring will be continued.
Audit of Completion of Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures (LocSSIP) for Urodynamics.	The audit demonstrated that compliance with the Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures (LocSSIP) documentation requirements was 100%.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Annual Re-audit Of Completion Of Local Safety Standards For Invasive Procedures (LocSSIP) For Fetal Blood Sampling / Ventouse / Forceps / Perineal Repair	100% compliance with completion of LocSSIP for all 4 interventions.	No key concerns identified	The aim is to move stickers online in the future once intrapartum care is transferred onto Maternity's electronic system E3
Audit of Interventional Radiology Unit (IRU) World Health Organisation (WHO) Checklist	100% compliant.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required
Audit of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters by Vascular	The results of this audit demonstrated 100% compliance with the	No key concerns identified	No key actions required

Access Practitioners - Radiology Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures (LocSSIP)	completion of the Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures (LocSSIP).		
Audit of the Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures for Invasive Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Procedures - Removal and Replacement of Surgical Voice Prosthesis (SVR)	100% compliance was demonstrated for all standards.	No key concerns identified	No key actions required



Good News Story

Michelle Frost – Biomedical Scientist

From photographer to Specialist Biomedical Scientist, Michelle Frost talks about the Anti-Spiking Campaign she created, which has taken her all the way to the House of Commons.

Michelle is in the middle of writing a 3,000-word report to the Home Affairs Select Committee on the Anti-Spiking Campaign she and her team launched just before Christmas.

Michelle and the lab team have joined forces with the police, the SOS Wellbeing bus, selected clubs and bars, and more recently the University of East Anglia (UEA) to offer anti-spiking kits to anyone who thinks they (or a friend) have been spiked. They can ask at the bar or in UEA dorms for a kit to provide a urine sample, which is submitted to our lab for testing.

All samples are anonymous, and tested for substances connected with spiking, with results sent out via encrypted barcodes linked to the sample.

The aim of the Anti-Spiking Campaign is to raise awareness that it is a criminal offence to spike drinks or inject someone without their knowledge or consent, and to gather data on what substances are being used.

Early signs are encouraging as the data seems to be backing up the claim that the campaign here in Norfolk has seen a reduction in the number of spiking incidents, while nationally the trend is increasing.

Participation in research and development

The number of patients receiving relevant health services provided or sub-contracted by the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in 2021/22 that were recruited during that period to participate in research approved by a research ethics committee was 5081.

Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN)

The operation of CQUIN (both CCG and specialised) remained suspended for all providers until 31 March 2022. Providers did not need to implement CQUIN requirements, carry out CQUIN audits nor submit CQUIN performance data. For Trusts, an allowance for CQUIN has been built into nationally-set block payments.

Care Quality Commission (CQC) reviews

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is required to register with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and its current registration status is unconditional.

The Care Quality Commission has not taken enforcement action against Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust during 2021/22.

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has participated in special reviews or investigations by the Care Quality Commission relating to the following areas during 2021/22:

- Unannounced focused inspection of Urgent and Emergency Care within the Emergency Department at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

Table 1: CQC Ratings of Urgent & Emergency Care, reported July 2021

	Safe	Effective	Caring	Responsive	Well-led	Overall
Urgent & Emergency Care	Good	Good	Good	Requires Improvement	Good	Good

There were improvements in the Safe and Well Led domains being rated as 'Good' with Responsive remaining at 'Requires Improvement'. The overall rating for Urgent & Emergency Care has also improved to 'Good'.

During 2021/22, the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust did not receive a Trust Well Led inspection by the Care Quality Commission, therefore, although the inspection of Urgent and Emergency Care services gave an overall rating of 'good' this has not affected the Trust's overall rating of 'Requires Improvement'.

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust intends to take the following action to address the conclusions or requirements reports by the CQC

A full quality improvement plan is in place to address these recommendations.

Table 2: CQC 'Must Do' and 'Should Do' Recommendations for Urgent and Emergency Care reported July 2021

Area	Level	Ref	Recommendation
CORE SERVICES			
Urgent and Emergency Care	Must Do	MD1	The trust must ensure they continue to do all that is reasonably practical to improve key national and trust performance targets such as the four-hour standard, triage within 15 minutes of patient's arrival, internal professional standards and time taken from decision to admit, ensuring risks to patients are effectively mitigated. (Regulation 12).
	Should Do	SD1	The trust should ensure that European Paediatric Life Support should be completed by appropriate staff by January 2022.
		SD2	The trust should ensure that staff complete checks on emergency medical equipment in line with trust policy.

The full CQC report can be viewed at: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RM1>

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has made the following progress by 31st March 2022 in taking such action

Table 3: Progress on CQC ‘Must Do’ and ‘Should Do’ Recommendations for Urgent and Emergency Care reported July 2021

Area	Ref	Progress
Urgent and Emergency Care	MD1	The trust has evidence to demonstrate the standards are being monitored and there is awareness as to why the Trust isn't meeting agreed targets. Mitigations for the risks are in place, e.g., clinicians will go outside to run an admission unit in the car park if unable to offload ambulances. The Safer, Better, Faster (SBF) programme workstreams, monitor all aspects of this recommendation. There is a strong focus on targets. Triage assessment model – 74% of staff are now trained in triage which ensures peak times are covered. The trust has governance in place around harm to patients waiting in ED and this is raised and reviewed in the learning from deaths committee. SIG / RCAs are also completed if a patient comes to harm whilst waiting in ED. This recommendation is now business as usual.
	SD1	This recommendation has been merged into the surgical, emergency and critical care division wider recommendation on mandatory training. New rules / guidance around resuscitation training will allow staff to complete annual training online, with practical face to face training required bi-annually. ALS (Advanced Life Saving) training can be increased as the Rapid Response Team are able to deliver this, this mitigates any possible risk of online training. Other Trusts have moved to this model with no impact.
	SD2	Checks are completed on a daily basis – every 12 hours. On the 5 th March 2022, Emergency Department audits reviewed showed compliance on checks being completed across all areas were between 98 – 100%. Once 7 data points is evidenced and available this will show improvements have been made and are business as usual.

Data Quality

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust submitted records during 2021/22 to the Secondary Uses Service for inclusion in the Hospital Episode Statistics which are included in the latest published data.

Table 4: Records of published data (*Data shown as at: December 2021*)

The % of records in the published data which included:	the patient's valid NHS number was:		the patient's valid General Medical Practice Code was:	
	NNUH	Nat Avg.	NNUH	Nat Avg.
Admitted patient care	99.9%	99.6 %	100%	99.7%
Outpatient care	100%	99.7%	100%	99.6%
Accident & emergency care	99.5%	98.9%	100%	99.5%

Information Governance Data Security & Protection Toolkit Attainment Levels

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Foundation Trust achieved the “Standards Met” assurance status against the requirement of the Data Security & Protection Toolkit for the 2020/21 reporting period.

Clinical Coding error rate

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was not subject to the Payment by Results clinical coding audit during 2020/21 by the Audit Commission.

Improving Data Quality

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be taking the following actions to improve data quality:

Complete Referral to Treatment (RTT) Audit Programme for 2021/22

Complete Audit Programme for Key Systems 2021/22

Data Quality (DQ) Team will forward reports to Information Asset Administrators (IAAs) to ensure systems not linked to PAS via an HL7 link are updated with key information i.e., Deceased Report, Change of NHS Number

DQ to request IAA,s have a Manual Reversion Policy in place to ensure continuity of service during a prolonged system outage

Monthly Data Quality Referral to Treatment Operational Meetings (RTTOMG) to discuss RTT performance by Specialty, discussing RTT issues / concerns, this is a forum to share best practice. Minutes are provided and can be used as a reference tool.

To provide RTT training and coaching to Operational Managers, Admin Managers and RTT Validators to support as part of their induction programme.

Produce a standardised Trust RTT Induction for employees who manage any part of the Referral to Treatment Pathway

Work with PAS Trainers to ensure training scripts are fit for purpose i.e. P/D Codes and changes to working practices due to the Covid 19 Pandemic

Produce a Waiting List Policy

Request IT to convert Waiting List Policy into eLearning

Implement a DQ metrics Dashboard to highlight performance issues at a glance

- Dashboard to be available on Power BI
- Escalation process on performance to RTTOMG and TAG

Monitor compliance via Audit results

Learning from Deaths

During the financial year 2021/22 2,397 of the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in-patients died. This comprised the following number of deaths which occurred in each quarter of that reporting period:

515 in the first quarter, of which 3 were patients with Learning Difficulties, 4 had a Severe Mental Illness, 4 were Still Births and 5 were Neonatal Deaths.

566 in the second quarter, 5 were patients with Learning Difficulties, 4 had a Severe Mental Illness, 4 were Still Births and 6 were Neonatal Deaths.

668 in the third quarter, 4 were patients with Learning Difficulties, 11 had a Severe Mental Illness, 2 were Still Births and 8 were Neonatal Deaths.

648 in the fourth quarter, 3 were patients with Learning Difficulties, 7 had a Severe Mental Illness, 5 were Still Birth and 6 were Neonatal Deaths.

Table 5: Summary of In-Hospital deaths and deaths within 30 days of discharge for the financial year 2021/22

Financial Year 2021/2022	Total Discharges	Deaths within 30 days of Discharge	In-hospital deaths	Total Deaths	In-hospital Deaths with Learning Difficulties ⁽¹⁾	In-hospital Deaths with Severe Mental Illness ⁽²⁾	In-hospital Still births ⁽³⁾	In-hospital Neonatal Deaths ⁽⁴⁾
Q1	21,444	286	515	800	3	4	4	5
Q2	18,447	282	566	848	5	4	4	6
Q3	17,846	280	668	948	4	11	2	8
Q4	17,415	234	648	882	3	7	5	6
Total	75,152	1082	2397	3478	15	26	15	25

Stillbirths delivered from 24 weeks notified to MBRRACE-UK (Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries in the UK)
Neonatal deaths from 22 weeks notified to MBRRACE-UK

Medical Examiner Reviews

Following the introduction of the Medical Examiner Service back in April 2019, our aim was to expand the Medical Examiner office throughout 2020/2021 to enable the scrutiny of all in-patient deaths, this has been achieved this year with the Medical Examiner Service being able to conduct a small number of additional reviews were requested. The Medical Examiner office is looking to expand their service to cover the scrutiny of community deaths.

Specialty Level Mortality Reviews

Specialty Level Mortality Reviews have still taken place during the ongoing pandemic which is reflected in the increased reviews over the course of the 2021/22 financial year. Of those, 27 deaths were escalated to the Structured Judgement Review process.

Table 6: Number of specialty level reviews completed and escalations to SJR

Financial Year 2021/22	Total Number of Specialty Level Mortality Review's Completed	Total Number of Deaths Escalated to SJR following Specialty Level Mortality Reviews
Q1	576	13
Q2	673	9
Q3	720	3
Q4	719	2
Total	2688	27

Child Death Overview Panel Reviews (CDOP)

By the end of quarter 4, 4 deaths were reviewed at the Child Death Overview Panel Review Group in relation to the 14 child deaths reported during 2021/2022. This includes 4 children who died elsewhere (2 children who were under paediatric follow up but died at home and 2 who were transferred to other hospitals for intensive care and died on PICU.) The delay in cases being discussed at CDOP is mainly due to awaiting conclusions of an inquest.

Case Record Reviews: Structured Judgement Review (SJR) Method

Following the implementation of the SJR process across the Trust in May 2019, trained SJR reviewers independently undertake case note reviews outside of their own specialty and make explicit judgements around the quality and safety relating to the patients last admission.

Criteria for SJR are aligned to those set out in the National Quality Board 2017 Learning from Deaths guidance and are as follows:

- Learning Disabilities
- Severe Mental Illness
- Homeless
- Significant concerns raised by family/carers about quality of care
- Significant concerns raised by staff about quality of care
- Death within 30 days of discharge (where concern is raised)
- All expected Child deaths
- Elective Procedures
- Alarm raised: audits, SHMI/HSMR/SMR alerts, concerns raised by CQC/ other external regulator
- Coroners Regulations 28
- Aligned to Trust QI priorities
- Additional random selection

Weekly SJR scrutiny panel are being conducted where SJRs flagging poor or very poor overall care are then reviewed with relevant expert input, allowing key learning and areas of focus for improvement work to be identified and the appropriate

governance response agreed. A monthly slot is reserved for all SJRs conducted (including those where overall care was judged adequate, good or excellent) in children and patients with complex care needs (LD, severe mental illness and homeless patients). This approach allows relevant specialist support teams e.g. LD liaison to input into the review and inform the governance response. It also enables sight of a proportion of all SJRs scoring overall care as adequate, good or excellent across the hospital. Advantages include the positive impact on culture of recognising notable practice and being able to thank teams as well as the targeting of Safety II approaches (i.e. learning from care that goes well not just care that does not as promoted in the National Patient Safety Strategy July 2019) to cohort of patients where care is often hardest to get right and where we are most likely to identify opportunities for learning and improvement which may ultimately help all patients.

Table 7: Case record reviews completed during the 2021/2022 reporting period, including a breakdown by vulnerable group.

Financial Year 2021/22	Total Number of SJR's completed during the reporting period	Number of SJR's completed for patients with Learning Disabilities	Number of SJR's completed for patients with Severe Mental Illness	Number of SJR's completed for patients who were Homeless
Q1	50	7	12	0
Q2	34	5	6	0
Q3	48	1	5	1
Q4	53	9	13	1
Total	185	22	36	2

Table 8: Case Record Review - Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT)

Financial Year 2021/22	Total Number of PMRTs completed relating to Neonatal/Post Neonatal deaths during the reporting period	Total Number of PMRTs completed relating to still Births during the reporting period
Q1	4	3
Q2	7	4
Q3	1	1
Q4	0	0
Total	12	8

Investigations: Serious Incidents

Serious Incident deaths are investigated using Root Cause Analysis (RCA) methodology as required by the National Serious Incident Framework, rather than by Structured Judgement Review.

Table 9: Serious Incidents reported and investigations completed in relation to the deaths which occurred during the 2021/2022 reporting period:

Financial Year 2021/22	Total Number of Serious Incidents reported in relation to the deaths which occurred during the report period	Total Number of SI Investigations completed
Q1	6	6
Q2	2	2
Q3	5	2
Q4	6	1
Total	19	11

Total number of case record reviews and investigations in 2021/2022

By the end of Quarter 4, 39 case record reviews and 19 investigations have been carried out in relation to the 2,397 in-patient deaths reported during the 2021/2022 financial year, however, all in-patient deaths are scrutinised by the Medical Examiners Service.

In 4 cases a death was subject to both a case record review and investigation. These cases were escalated for a serious incident investigation following an SJR scrutiny panel.

The number of deaths in each quarter for which a case record review or investigation was carried out was: 24 in the first quarter; 19 in the second quarter; 9 in the third quarter; 6 in the fourth quarter.

Of the 58 deaths reviewed, 19 representing 0.8% of patient deaths during 2021/2022 (2,397) are judged to be more likely than not to have been due to problems in the care provided to the patient.

In relation to each quarter, this consisted of:

Quarter 1: 5 representing 1% of patient deaths during 2021/2022

Quarter 2: 4 representing 0.7% of patient deaths during 2021/2022

Quarter 3: 4 representing 0.6% of patient deaths during 2021/2022

Quarter 4: 6 representing 0.9% of patient deaths during 2021/2022

This number has been estimated using the following:

1. Case record reviews:

Table 10: SJR Case record reviews completed in relation to deaths which occurred during the 2021/2022 reporting period, where the death was judged to be more likely than not due to problems in care

Financial Year 2021/2022	Total Number of SJR's completed relating to deaths during the reporting period	Number of deaths judged at SJR to be more likely than not due to problems in care based on NCEPOD grading	% of Total Number
Q1	11	0	0%
Q2	6	2	33%
Q3	2	0	0%
Q4	0	0	-
Total	19	2	10.5%

These numbers have been estimated using the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) grading which it has been mapped to Royal College of Physicians (RCP) 'Avoidability' scores.

Table 11: PMRT Case record reviews completed in relation to Neonatal/Post Neonatal deaths which occurred during the 2021/2022 reporting period, where the death was judged to be more likely than not due to problems in care

Financial Year 2021/2022	Total Number of PMRT's completed relating to Neonatal/Post Neonatal deaths during the reporting period	Number of deaths judged to be more likely than not due to problems in care	% of Total Number
Q1	4	0	0
Q2	7	0	0
Q3	1	0	0
Q4	0	0	0
Total	12	0	0

Table 12: PMRT Case record reviews completed in relation to Still Births which occurred during the 2021/2022 reporting period, where the death was judged to be more likely than not due to problems in care

Financial Year 2021/2022	Total Number of PMRT's completed relating to Still Births during the reporting period	Number of deaths judged to be more likely than not due to problems in care	% of Total Number
Q1	3	0	0
Q2	4	0	0
Q3	1	0	0
Q4	0	0	0
Total	8	0	0

2. Serious Incident Investigations:

Table 13: Investigations completed in relation to patients who have died during the 2021/2022 reporting period where the death was judged to be more likely than not due to problems in care

Financial Year 2021/2022	Total Number of investigations completed	Number of deaths judged to be more likely than not due to problems in care following investigation	% of Total Number
Q1	6	5	83%
Q2	2	2	100%
Q3	5	4	80%
Q4	6	6	83%
Total	19	17	89%

Thematic analysis of the 13 deaths was conducted using the Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS). This is a coding framework adapted for the NHS Acute Care setting by Shale, S and Woodier, N, (2017) and enables contributory factors identified from investigations to be themed to highlight areas for improvement.

Learning from Case Record Reviews and Investigations

Below are areas where improvement work is required.

Methods and tools to share the learning include; Grand Rounds, SJR panel meetings, Local Mortality and Morbidity meetings, Governance Meetings and Trust wide OWLS (Organisation Wide Learning).

Table 14: Learning from Case Record Reviews – SJRs

	Themes identified through case record review	Update/ Action
1	Sub-optimal communication with patients and families	This was the overall top theme from all SJRs this year. SJRs highlighted suboptimal communication with patients and families as a top concern potentially reflecting the difficulties with communication during the Covid pandemic. The Trust has looked at a number of different ways of mitigating this issue through some limited and clear visiting made available where possible, establishing relatives liaison team provision when visiting very restricted, PALS 'Best wishes' service and virtual visiting through i-pads and Skype.
2	Lack of timely recognition that a patient is approaching end of life	This theme is linked with other themes emerging from the SJR process relating to timely diagnosis including a lack of a clear plan and oversight of complex patients and failures and delays in obtaining senior reviews. This issue will be highlighted through Learning from Deaths committee for discussion at M&M meetings. The potential to implement the Amber Care Pathway

		is being discussed with Palliative Care
3	Non-compliance with the Mental Capacity Act	This is a recurrent theme coming through the SJR process. The main sub-theme was no mental capacity undertaken. Other themes included best interest decision meetings not held and no evidence that best interest decision making included balancing of risks and benefits to the individual. An action plan is in place to address this issue which is a Trust wide concern
4	Gaps in documentation	The main theme was gaps in medical documentation. The Trust is still using paper case notes so there is a higher risk of misfiling and completeness and accuracy of record. Within the ICS Digital Health Strategy, there are plans to implement an electronic patient record and this together with the associated training, should help reduce the risk of gaps in documentation. There are also a number of initiatives taking place that will support more robust documentation including e-obs, Alertive and an EDL improvement workstream.
5	Sub-optimal communication between teams	There are a number of initiatives to improve communication between teams in the Trust including the roll out of Alertive and the full implementation of e-obs. These initiatives are mapping out key roles and responsibilities within specialties/departments and enabling the redesign and strengthening processes in support of improved communication.

Table 15: Learning from Case Record Reviews – PMRT

	Themes identified through investigations	Update/ Action
1	Extreme Prematurity	<p>Extreme prematurity has been acknowledged as a continued theme throughout PMRT. The NNUH is a tertiary referral centre as we have a Level 3 NICU. This accounts for extreme prematurity being identified as a main or associated cause of death.</p> <p>Identifying women at risk of preterm birth and optimising their care is a key focus in recent Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle Version 2 report (2019). Maternity services have a specialist Consultant Obstetrician who runs a Preterm prevention clinic which includes offering cervical length measurements, cervical cerclage if needed and use of progesterone pessaries. In the last year in order to assist with identifying these women we have added a specific preterm</p>

		<p>birth risk assessment our booking appointment so this is also highlighted on the woman's electronic record. Other local hospitals are also aiming to implement care of these women in a specialist preterm prevention clinic.</p> <p>A recent change to ensure continued improvements and learning following preterm delivery is that every infant born between the gestation of 22 and 34 weeks gestation has an immediate case review. This to ensure appropriate care and perinatal optimisation has occurred.</p>
2	Impact of COVID and loss of access to GP surgeries to deliver antenatal and postnatal care.	<p>The COVID pandemic significantly impacted maternity services. This was due to changes in pathways of care, combined with a loss of community facilities to deliver antenatal and postnatal care. This theme has been noted throughout some PMRT reviews.</p> <p>The full antenatal schedule of care is provided to vulnerable women, women with complex physical and psychological medical conditions teenage parents and women with serious safeguarding concerns.</p> <p>Long term bases to deliver antenatal and postnatal care have been identified. The Trust is working with some GP surgeries to facilitate the return of midwives. This will ensure that all women receive the full schedule of antenatal and postnatal care.</p>
3	High maternity vacancy rate	<p>A high midwifery vacancy rate has been addressed by an ongoing and at pace recruitment drive. There is continued work to ensure the recruitment trajectory is completed with a focus on retention of our staff at the same time.</p>
4	Ensuring placentas are sent for full pathological examination	<p>A further theme noted within PMRT reviews was that not all placentas had been sent for examination. The royal College of Pathologists recommend that as a minimum, all placentas from babies requiring admission to a neonatal intensive care unit following severe fetal distress should be referred for full pathological examination including histology.</p> <p>The Trust guideline has been reviewed and amended in line with national guidance and then uploaded onto Trust docs. The changes have</p>

		been disseminated to all staff via email, posters and at safety huddles. Further to this a placenta fridge has also been purchased.
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The main themes identified through the Serious Incident investigations are listed below. This learning will be used to inform focused future quality improvement work to minimise recurrence.

Table 16: Learning from investigations

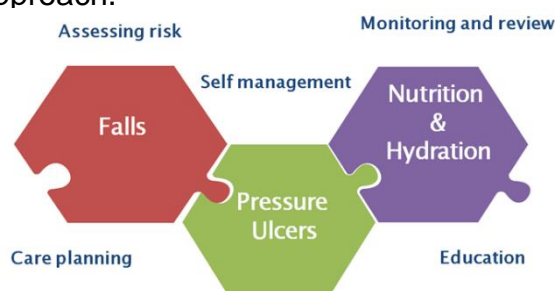
	Themes identified through investigations	Update/ Action
1	Risks not identified	Most frequent incidents which have been identified are falls with serious injury and Pressure Ulcers (cat 3 or above). We have introduced multifactorial falls assessment and 'Purpose T' skin integrity risk assessment, as part of a Quality Improvement Programme into Essential Care. Please refer to the below Essential Care Improvement Programme.
2	Risks not acted upon	We have introduced multifactorial falls assessment and 'Purpose T' skin integrity risk assessment. We have also commenced 'Tendable' audits, which are happening around falls and nutrition and hydration linked to Quality Improvement Programmes. Please refer to the below Essential Care Improvement Programme. We have implemented an electronic observation system (e-obs) to improve recognising and responding to deteriorating patients.
3	Information transfer ineffective between teams	We have launched a new system; 'Alertive'. The system is currently live and continues to be rolled out throughout the Trust. This is an integrated communication and workflow system, which supports critical alerting, clinical messaging; both within and between teams, clinical teams, priorities and event monitoring.

Actions

Essential Care Improvement Programme –

The Essential Care Improvement Programme aims to reduce the number of reported incidents and drive demonstrable improvement in the prevention of patient harm. Although incidents may be sensitive to the number of available nursing staff, this programme requires a multidisciplinary approach.

The programme is focused on commonly occurring themes across all three domains as shown -

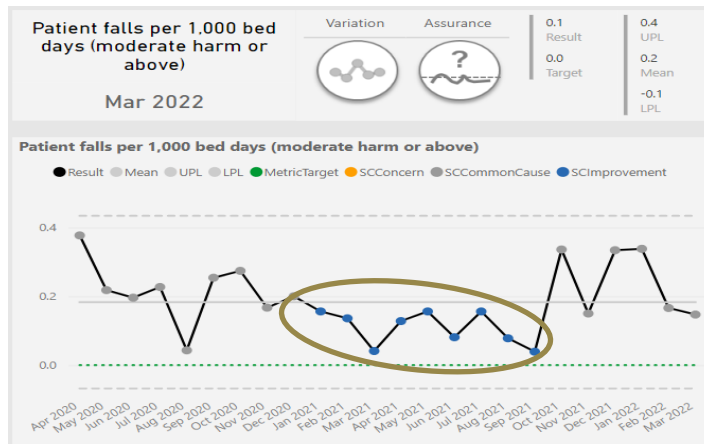


Reducing Harm from Falls Quality Improvement Programme

The falls improvement programme is being rolled out across the Trust and will build on the initiatives from wave 1 with learning shared across the Trust.

The Tendable © audits are being used at ward level to identify areas for improvement. They started in March 2021 alongside the 1st wave QI programme, and the reduction in falls between January 2021 and September 2021 is evident on the falls data shown in chart below

Fig 1.0.



The Emergency Department will be testing a new change idea adopted from East Kent Hospital, this initiative reduced falls by 50%. The Yellow Falls Kit is a highly visual cue in order to raise awareness within the busy A&E departments of those patients at risk of falling.

Falls Policy

The new falls policy promotes compliance with NICE Clinical Guideline 161: 'Falls in older people: assessing risk and prevention' (2013), National Patient Safety Agency Rapid Response Report: 'Essential care after an inpatient fall' (2011) and NICE Clinical Guideline 176: 'Head injury: assessment and early management' (2014).

The multifactorial assessment tool identifies a patient's individual risk factors for falling in hospital :

- cognitive impairment
- continence problems
- falls history including fear of falling
- footwear
- pre existing health problems that may increase their risk of falling
- assessment of Osteoporosis risk
- medication both existing and new
- postural instability, balance and mobility problems
- visual impairment

Individualised patient action plan as a result of multifactorial assessment –

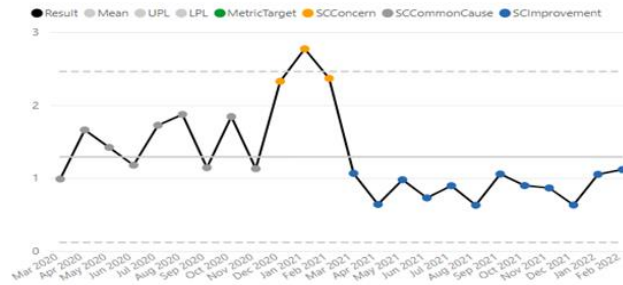
- professional to give consideration to actions to take/implement.
- with the recognition of how these can change throughout the care journey

Falls Steering Group

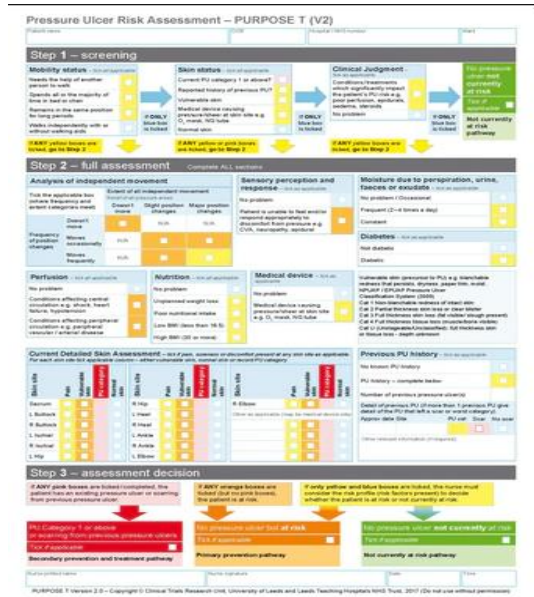
This group will be responsible for monitoring and reviewing falls rates and trends, carrying out thematic reviews and advising on changes to practice in light of new and emerging evidence and best practice.

Pressure Ulcer Improvement Challenge

- Despite the ongoing covid admission rates, skin integrity risks from covid and additional admission pressures seen in the last 4 months, we have achieved an 18% reduction in reportable pressure ulcer incidents during admission 2021-22. Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers per 1,000 bed days



- Combinations of staff focus in key areas with QI projects and the support of a Full Tissue Viability Team have begun to see reductions across all areas.
- Early verification and correct categorisation have highlighted where additional educational support has been needed and identified a key project for 2022-23 focusing on clinical photography records.
- Refreshed and updated mandatory E-learning for all staff has been completed along with Tissue Viability input on new staff induction days
- Study days and adhoc teaching with use of the “pressure ulcer apples” are increasing staff knowledge and confidence with identification of early signs of damage, action and reporting.
- We have introduced a new up to date nationally approved Risk Assessment tool (Purpose T) to support more consistent risk assessment and identification of individualised patient care needs during their stay.
- Purpose T allows for RAG rating and the Trust have agreed our colour linked care plans to support individualised care for each patient with regards to their pressure area risks.



Nutrition and Hydration

The improvement focus has been on food charts, improving diet signage around meal choices and dietary needs of patients. Including finger food menu.

Areas for improvement identified in the Tendable© audits include dietitian review within 3 days of referral. Mouth care, MUST reassessment at 7 days and Care plans being evaluated daily

Nutrition Steering Group have oversight of QI projects and other improvement initiatives that are in progress.

QI projects will be reviewed, and further actions agreed at the next steering group in April

Update on Case Record Reviews and Investigations for 2020/2021

150 case record reviews and 2 investigations were completed after 1st April 2021 which related to in-patient deaths which took place before the start of the reporting period.

Of the 152 deaths reviewed, 24 representing 0.9% of in-patient deaths before the reporting period (2,694) are judged to be more likely than not to have been due to problems in the care provided to the patient.

This number has been estimated using the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) grading which has been mapped to Royal College of Physicians (RCP) 'Avoidability' scores (case record reviews), thematic analysis of the deaths investigations conducted using the Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS); a coding framework adapted for the NHS Acute Care setting by Shale, S and Woodier, N, (2017) and enables contributory factors identified from investigations to be themed to highlight areas for improvement, and Perinatal Mortality Review Tool.

48 representing 1.8% of the in-patient deaths (2,694) during 2020/2021 are judged to be more likely than not to have been due to problems in the care provided to the patient.

Play Specialist Team

There is significant research on the importance of play for all children, and play is covered in national and international policy. A child's right to play is guaranteed in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which also includes the right to appropriate facilities and non-discrimination in play provision (Davey and Lundy, 2011). In hospital and during treatment, play is recommended for the wellbeing of children by the Care Quality Commission (2014), the World Organisation for Early Childhood Education and the Department of Health (National Children's Bureau, 2005).

The play team at NNUH has always been an important part of service delivery but has never been afforded the opportunity to be reviewed and

resourced as services have developed and evolved. However, this changed in late 2020 when we were able to review our overall staffing establishment and increase the play team.

This has resulted in more than double the number of hospital play specialists and play assistants employed in the department, ensuring consistent cover across all areas, 7 days a week. This has in turn supported actions identified in the 2020 CQC Children and Young People's survey where we were an outlier for feedback relating to availability of play staff.

The team was fully recruited to in April 2021 and the last 12 months has seen really positive developments from a play perspective least of all feedback from the children and their families. Play is an important part of the holistic approach the Jenny Lind Children's Hospital takes with regards to the care they give to their patients.





Part 2.3 - Reporting against core indicators

Please note that the guidance ‘Detailed requirements for quality reports 2020/21 published by NHS Improvement instructs that ‘since 2012/13 NHS foundation trusts have been required to report performance against a core set of indicators using data made available to the trust by NHS Digital’ (p17).

SHMI value and banding						
Indicator	NNUH Nov 20 – Oct 21 Published by NHS Digital	National Average	Best performer	Worst performer	NNUH 19/20	NNUH 18/19
SHMI value and banding	1.1860 Band 1	1.0001	0.7193	1.1860	1.1688 Band 2	1.1338 Band 2
<p>Location: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/shmi/2022-03/shmi-data > SHMI data at trust level</p> <p>Latest version available covers November 2020 – October 2021, published 10 March 2022.</p> <p>The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this data is as described for the following reasons: The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has conducted a review of its high SHMI. The Trust has a higher palliative care case load than average, both regionally and nationally, and this is a major driver. A number of data quality issues have also been identified. A comprehensive SHMI action plan is in place which includes a SJR (structured judgement review) cohort review of a sample of deaths in the major SHMI outlying diagnosis groups</p>						
% of patient deaths with palliative care						
Indicator	NNUH Nov 20 – Oct 21 Published by NHS Digital	National Average	Best performer – Lowest %	Worst performer – highest %	NNUH Nov 19 – Oct 20	NNUH Oct 18 – Sept 19
% of patient deaths with palliative care coded at either diagnosis or specialty level for the reporting period	54%	39%	39%	64%	52%	49%
<p>Location: Summary Hospital-level Mortality Indicator (SHMI) - Deaths associated with hospitalisation, England, November 2020 - October 2021 - NHS Digital> interactive data visualisation > page 7 (contextual indicators: Palliative Care)</p> <p>Latest version available covers November 2020 – October 2021, published 10 March 2022.</p>						

PROMS						
Indicator	2020/21				NNUH 19/20	NNUH 18/19
	NNUHFT	National Average	Best performer	Worst performer		
Patient reported outcome scores for groin hernia surgery	No data available	No data available	N/A	No data available	No data available	N/A
Patient reported outcome scores for varicose vein surgery	No data available	No data available	N/A	No data available	No data available	N/A
Patient reported outcome scores for hip replacement surgery	0.444 2020/21	0.465 2020/21	No data available	No data available	0.452 2019/20	0.457 2018/19
Patient reported outcome scores for knee replacement surgery	0.271 2020/21	0.315 2020/21	No data available	No data available	0.309 2019/20	0.319 2018/19

Location: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/patient-reported-outcome-measures-proms/finalised-hip-and-knee-replacement-procedures-april-2020-to-march-2021>

Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) in England: Hip & knee replacements
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Current version uploaded: April 2020 – March 2021, Published 10 Feb 2022
 Adjusted average health gain 'EQ-5D Index' scores

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that the outcome scores are as described for the following reasons: The number of patients eligible to participate in PROMs survey is monitored each month. Results are monitored and reviewed within the orthopaedic directorate prior to an action plan being agreed.

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust intends to take the following actions to improve these outcome scores, and so the quality of its services: Our primary goal over the forthcoming months is to focus on improving the patient experience for patients that undergo primary knee replacement surgery and hip replacement surgery. A review of the process and action planning has taken place to ensure that quality improvements are made in line with patient feedback.

28 day readmission rates						
Indicator	2020/21 (NNUH reported based on the NHS Outcomes Framework Specification)				NNUH 19/20	NNUH 18/19
	NNUHFT (Apr 20 – Mar 21)	National Average	Best performer	Worst performer		
28 day readmission rates for patients aged 0-15	Average rate 10.9%	No data published	No data published	No data published	No data	12.74 April 18 – Jan 19
28 day readmission rates for patients aged 16 or over	Average rate 11.2%	No data published	No data published	No data published		
There is no data published since 2012/13. Data above has been based upon clinical coding within Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.						

Trust responsiveness						
Indicator	2021/22 NHS Digital				NNUH 19/20	NNUH 18/19
	NNUHFT	National Average	Best performer	Worst performer		
Trust's responsiveness to the personal needs of its patients during the reporting period.	72.9	74.5	85.4	67.3	67.1	68.1
<p>Note: NHS OF publish this data on an ongoing annual basis, which began in August 2021, however, the August 2021 publication data did not include Trust Responsiveness, therefore, used the data used has been taken from the March 2022 publication.</p> <p>Location: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/nhs-outcomes-framework/august-2020/domain-4-ensuring-that-people-have-a-positive-experience-of-care-nof/4-2-responsiveness-to-inpatients-personal-needs</p> <p>Current version uploaded: March 22 // Next version due: March 23</p> <p>The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has taken the following actions to improve this data, and so the quality of its services: The NNUH performance showed an improvement compared to previous years, although below the national average for the period covered. The Trust has continued to implement its patient engagement and experience strategy and has focussed on reaching out via virtual means due to covid and engaging with the less well heard within our communities. It has also merged the complaints function into PALS over this period with a new team recruited and processes updated. The NNUH strategy contains experience of care as a key component with continued emphasis on equality, diversity and inclusion. The Patient Engagement & Experience Group (PEEG) continues to oversee divisional reporting against actions arising from all forms of feedback, including the Friends and Family Test (FFT), complaints and PALS and engagement with community groups including Healthwatch Norfolk.</p>						

% Staff employed who would recommend the trust						
Indicator	2021 NHS Staff Survey Results				NNUH 2019/20	NNUH 2018/19
	NNUHFT	National Average	Best performer	Worst performer		
Percentage of staff employed by, or under contract to, the Trust during the reporting period who would recommend the Trust as a provider of care to their family or friends.	60%	66.9%	89.5%	43.6%	72.2%	62%
<p>The percentage added for this year is taken from question 21d 'If a friend or relative needed treatment, I would be happy with the standard of care provided by this organisation'</p> <p>The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this score is as described for the following reasons:</p> <p>The 2021 results represent a difficult period where we're disappointed about our staff experiences of working at NNUH. Data from the 2021 staff survey has provided the Trust with strong evidence that there is significant work to be done to improve our staff experiences.</p> <p>We are determined to make our hospitals a better place to work and are developing a three-year Improvement Plan to turn around our results. We will work together, both internally and with the wider healthcare system, to make transformational changes to the way in which we work, care for patients and each other.</p>						

% of patients assessed for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)						
Indicator	2020/21 (Trust data)				NNUH 19/20	NNUH 18/19
	NNUHFT	National Average	Best performer	Worst performer		
Percentage of patients who were admitted to the hospital and who were risk assessed for VTE during the reporting period	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available	99.27% Dec 2019 Q3= 99.13%	98.76% March 2019
VTE data collection has been paused for 2021/22 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No official publication of data is available.						

C difficile						
Indicator	2020/2021 NHS Digital				NNUH 19/20	NNUH 18/19
	NNUHFT	National Average	Best performer	Worst performer		
Rate per 100,000 bed days of cases of C.difficile infection reported within the Trust amongst patients aged 2 or over during the reporting period	14	15	0	81	8.6	9.8
<p>Note: Data is always a year behind due to the publishing of data after the quality report deadline dates.</p> <p>Latest data available for 2021/22</p> <p>Location: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/clostridium-difficile-infection-annual-data#history (drop down selection of rate and hospital onset)</p> <p>Current version uploaded: September 2021</p> <p>The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this rate is as described for the following reasons: The data have been sourced from the Health & Social Care Information Centre, compared to internal Trust data and data hosted by Public Health England.</p> <p>The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has taken the following actions to improve this rate, and so the quality of its services: Measures are in place to isolate and cohort-nurse patients with suspected and confirmed C.Diff, in order to contain the spread of infection, and our Infection Control team works in a targeted way to quickly contain any emergent outbreaks. Rapid response deep cleaning processes are in place to contain any suspected infections, and these are complemented by an established and effective programme of preventative deep cleaning, aimed at avoiding an outbreak entirely if at all possible.</p>						

Patient Safety Incidents						
Indicator	2020/21 NHS Digital				NNUH 19/20	NNUH 18/19
	NNUHFT	National Average (Rate)	Best performer (Rate)	Worst performer (Rate)		
Number and rate of patient safety incidents per 1,000 bed days	Rate 118.7 (n32,917)	63.7	15.2	235.8	Q1/2 Rate 49.7 (n8069) Q3/4 Rate 52.5 (n8585)	Q1/2 Rate 22.1 (n3541) Q3/4 Rate 46.1 (n7237)

Number and percentage of patient safety incidents per 1,000 bed days resulting in severe harm or death	Rate 0.25 (n69)	0.40	0	3.28	Q1/2 Rate 0.2 (n39) Q3/4 Rate 0.3 (n41)	Q1/2 Rate 0.13 (n21) Q3/4 Rate 0.24 (n37)
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Note – NHS OF publish this data on an ongoing annual basis, which began in August 2021

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The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considers that this number and rate are as described for the following reasons:

Through the improvements we have made to our incident reporting protocols, and our continuous focus on promoting psychological safety and just culture, staff feel safe recognising and reporting incidents. The increase in the rate and number of patient safety incidents for 2020 – 2021 includes the increased number of 52 week breaches that occurred during the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is taking the following actions to improve the quality of incident reports and so the quality of its services by focusing on:

- building capacity and capability for incident investigations to identify systemic failings and ensure recommendations and actions are identified that address significant or emerging risks to patient safety.
- Continuing to promote a just culture and psychological safety so that staff feel able to speak up and report incidents without fear of blame

Review of Implementation of 7 Day Services

Providers of acute services are asked to include a statement regarding progress in implementing the priority clinical standards for seven-day hospital services. This progress should be assessed as guided by the Seven Day Hospital Services Board Assurance Framework published by NHS Improvement. Further information can be found at <https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/seven-day-services>

In partnership with NHS England, NHS Improvement have introduced a new way of measuring seven day hospital services for all providers of acute services, replacing the previous survey with a self-assessed Board Assurance Framework.

Acute Service providers have not been required to submit a board assured self-assessment return or provide any monitoring reports to NHS England or NHS Improvement for 2021/22, against the 2017 Seven Day Services Clinical Standards.

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) has continued to internally monitor and report activity against each of the ten standards through appropriate operational groups within the organisation, to ensure that each of the standards are included in service design, delivery and improvement.

Following the release of Version 2 (8 Feb 2022) of the Seven Day Services Clinical Standards and Version 2 (8 Feb 2022) of the Board Assurance Framework for Seven Day Hospital Services, the NNUH will look to adopt the updated standards and reintroduce the BAF in order to provide reports to Trust Board.

Review of Speak Up Policy

The National Speak Up Policy has undergone a review by NHSi and will be available by 1st April 2022 according to an NGO update (National Guardian Office). We will review this and look to adopt with board approval, changes to support staff further in speaking up.

The Freedom to Speak Up: Raising Concerns (Whistleblowing) Policy (formally the Speak Up Policy) is for use by all staff and workers. It carefully explains; the steps, to raise and escalate a concern, how the concern will be addressed, how feedback will be given in line with best practice.

The Policy currently details the various concerns that should be raised - unsafe patient care, unsafe working conditions, inadequate induction or training for staff, lack of, or poor response to a reported patient safety incident, suspicions of fraud, or a bullying culture as examples– then outlines the process of reporting to a line manager or tutor, or, if unable to raise it with them, details of others who can be approached: Chief nurse, Medical Director, Chief Operating Officer, etc., and Freedom to Speak Up Guardians.

It identifies that if these escalation routes are not responsive staff can contact the Trust's Chief Executive or Chairman, and if necessary, outside bodies such as NHS England, Health Education England, NHS Counter Fraud Authority or the CQC.

The Policy outlines confidentiality and anonymous reporting of concerns and gives advice on support available for those raising concerns and explains how the Speak Up process works, including how staff will receive feedback and be thanked for raising their concerns. It reassures staff that detriment to speaking up is not acceptable and how this would be taken seriously and investigated by the organisation.

Freedom to Speak Up (FTSU) Guardian Service

The team;

- **Non Executive Director** – Sandra Dinneen
- **Executive Lead** – Paul Jones
- **Lead Freedom To Speak Up Guardian** – Frances Dawson

Rota Gaps

Health Education England (HEE) allocate junior doctors to our organisation, and as such we are working collaboratively with HEE to review and improve processes related to these rotations and the junior doctors experience whilst working here, so that they feel valued and part of our team. In addition the Trust recruits and appoints locally employed Doctors, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Associates to support vacancies in training rotas.

NNUH has two Guardians of Safe Working Hours, who act as champions for safe working hours for Doctors and Dentists in training.

The Medical Director and Chief People Officer have a governance framework in place for reviewing, managing and escalating short or longer term gaps in rotas and provide reports to a number of groups and committees up to Trust board. Central records on rota gaps have not been held historically, this will change following the implementation of electronic rostering for medical and dental staff, phase one of the project is in progress beginning with the junior doctors.

A Medical & Dental Workforce Programme is currently under implementation which is intended to improve performance across a number of workstreams and subjects related to our medical and dental workforce, such as their rota's, gaps in their rotas, bank and agency use and paying promptly for additional hours worked. A number of the workstreams for this improvement programme include representatives from various grades of Doctors and Dentists in Training through to Consultant level.



Good News Story

Innovative programme helps train more doctors in robotic-assisted surgery

A new national training pilot (the first of its kind) has been devised by our Sir Thomas Browne Colorectal Unit and Intuitive, the pioneer of robotic-assisted surgery and makers of the da Vinci surgical systems. This has enabled surgical registrars, on the path to becoming consultants and who have had many years of surgical experience, to complete the training necessary in order to carry out bowel cancer operations on our two da Vinci systems.

In 2021 7 registrars participated and 5 of those completed the 1 tier fellowship on the da Vinci robot. This has enabled the registrars to apply for their fellowship without having to gain the basic training on the console, and in turn has expedited their future training by 3-6 months. In 2022 so far, a further 4 registrars have also completed their 1 tier fellowship.

This programme has been championed by Mr Irshad Shaikh, Consultant Colorectal and lead Robotic Surgeon here, and supported by Intuitive. Mr Shaikh, who teaches robotic surgery nationally and has helped the robotic colorectal programme in ten UK hospitals, said: *"I have consistently found that the registrar level trainees are left out in this programme and worked together with Intuitive to devise this training programme. I am very proud of the East of England deanery surgical registrars for*

successfully completing the first phase of robotic colorectal surgical training and delivering this first national pilot programme at NNUH."

It is hoped that the programme will continue with the funding available from Intuitive Surgical. Mr Shaikh went on to say "We are grateful to the trust to provide the platform, intuitive surgical for the funding and trainees who committed to train occasionally over week ends as well. Now that we have acquired 'telepresence system', I can remotely train them on robotic case observation for them, whilst they are sitting in an area of conference hall or training laboratory or even any part of the Europe".

Eleanor Rudge, who took part in the pilot, said: *"There are plenty of hospitals within the UK that have access to robotic-assisted surgery, and yet surgical registrars at these hospitals often get very little actual robotic experience. However, we are lucky enough to have someone like Mr Shaikh, who has the vision, the know-how and the enthusiasm, which have all been key to allowing us access to this incredible opportunity. We have also had the support of the entire colorectal unit at NNUH – as a registrar group, we have worked in many hospitals in the region and it is very obvious to all of us that the support of this department is exceptional."*



Part 3 - Overview of the Quality of Care



Patient Safety

Restrictive interventions

Baseline: what increased the focus on restrictive interventions- CQC report- The need for robust evidence that the healthcare records for patients' subject to restraint are complete and in line with the trust's policy and procedure.

What you are measuring success on - Whilst it is the intention of the Organisation to capture and report all RI incidents, it is recognised that this may not be a SMART objective. Awareness of reporting requirement should be raised. Paradoxically, actions on the RI plan (and RRI work more widely) aim to both increase reporting and decrease the use of RI, which may mean it is difficult to track differentials and, therefore, improvement over time.

The journey so far this year (April 21 – March 22) including successes and challenges-

- Progress along agreed trajectory has been consistent and there are no concerns regarding ongoing progress at this time. The RRI leads recognise that as reporting and awareness continue to improve in the Trust, audit results may reflect this in some deviation from current progress.
- Reducing Restrictive Interventions Policy went to MHCC Board for approval
- A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the use of Patient Safeguarding Mittens (Adult Patients) outside of Critical Care-has been approved at MHCC Board. This can be used by staff as a risk assessment and care planning.
- Patient Information Leaflet for Patient Safeguarding Mittens
- Continue with internal RCA processes via Reducing Restrictive intervention safety panel-(RRISP) each directorate has an allocated weekly slot to present 3-4 incidents for discussion.

- Continue to work with Governance teams to draw out themes from the RRISP panels, support with dissemination of learning and directorate leadership on scrutinising the performance and governance teams to feedback any highlighted care delivery issues for example- staffing issues, gaps in documentation, poor communication amongst teams and also notable practice for example- patient centred care, good communication, prompt access to support services through the governance meetings and shared learning channels.

What you are aiming to achieve over the next 12 months and beyond.

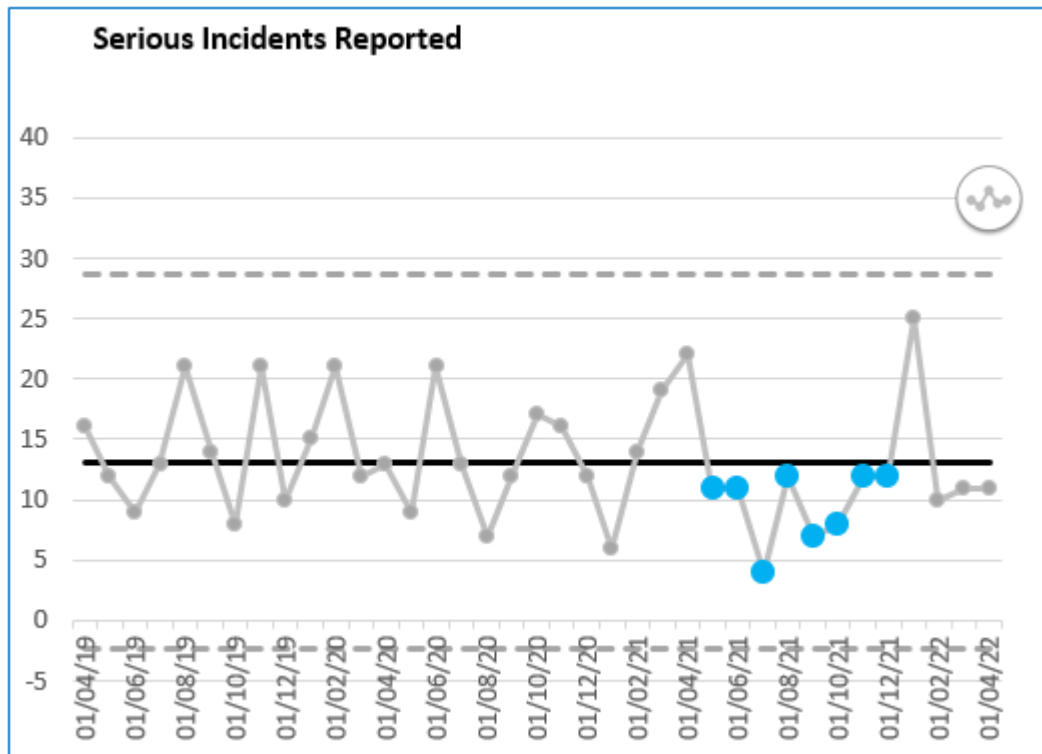
- Developing and holding drop in sessions for staff.
- ED Education clinic on Restrictive interventions.
- De-escalation training.

Serious Incidents (SIs)

All patient incidents, regardless of their severity, are recorded onto our local DATIX reporting system. This data is submitted quarterly to the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS).

In the twelve months ending 31st March 2022, 205 Serious Incidents were externally reported to the national StEIS (Strategic Executive Information System).

Fig 1.0 Serious Incidents Reported April 2019 – March 2022



All incidents reported provide an opportunity for learning and continuous improvement in the quality and delivery of care to our patients. The Trust has continued to support a culture of no blame reporting through the daily Serious Incident Group and has improved the focus on support for staff involved in patient safety incidents.

There is a continued and increasing focus also on supporting patients and families through Serious Incidents investigation process to ensure that the patient voice is firmly at the centre of our investigations. This process is essential in the understanding of where care and service delivery problems have arisen. The Trust Family Liaison Officer (FLO) has at the time of this report, 45 Serious Incident cases where patients and families are undergoing varying levels of support according to individual needs and wishes.

Never events

'Never Events' are a sub-set of Serious Incidents and are defined as largely preventable patient safety incidents that should not occur if the available preventative measures have been implemented by healthcare providers.

In our hospitals there were two never events during the period covered by this Quality Account -

June 2021	Retained foreign object post procedure
Dec 2021	Wrong site surgery

EDMS Overview

EDMS Project update

Following on from the last report in April 2021, the EDMS Project has progressed significantly and by the end of January 2022 137,303 case-notes had been successfully scanned into Medi-Viewer.

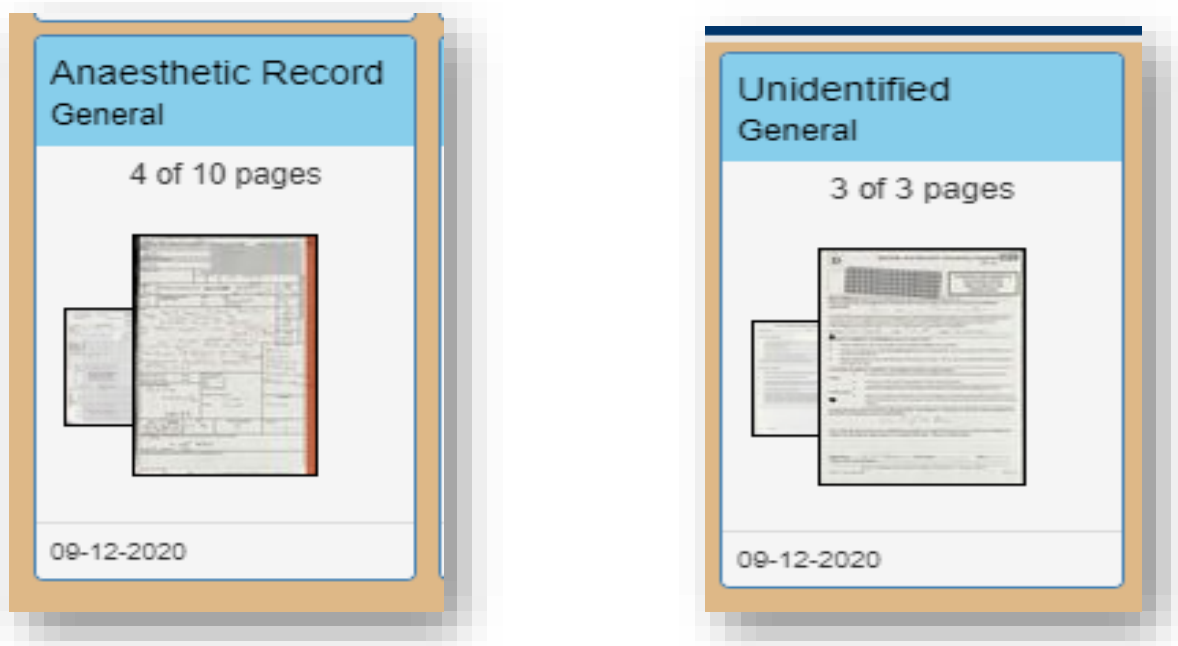
The Project is now in Phase 4 of the roll-out, with just 2 main areas to go-live; these are Ophthalmology and Paediatrics. It is hoped that the roll-out will be complete by the end of July 2022.

At the point when a Specialty is due to go-live, the Digital Health Transformation Team train both the Clinical staff and Admin Teams with the new processes. Following Go-live they are on hand to support staff.

Medi-Viewer Taxonomy and 'B'Forms

In order to enable the user to navigate Medi-Viewer as easily as possible, Taxonomy and 'B' Forms are being created.

Taxonomy is the function within Medi-Viewer which identifies specific documents within the medical record. It will identify these documents in all digitised records across the Medi-Viewer system. An example might be Anaesthetic Reports.



Previous examples show, the left hand document has been correctly identified by the taxonomy; note that the identity appears in the blue banner. By contrast, the right hand document has not been identified and is labelled appropriately.



Specific documents can be found in Medi-Viewer by using the Speed Filter function and ticking the relevant box/boxes in the list.

department. This will assist the department enormously at the point when the case-notes are scanned.

- The Transformation Team are looking at the Research and Community pathways in relation to 3rd party access to Medi-Viewer.
- e-WinDIP which has been used by many clinical departments across the NNUH (including Health Records, Therapies, Eye Casualty), is being decommissioned and the data will be extracted and migrated into Medi-Viewer.

Conclusion

Clinicians will continue to experience a mixed economy of case-notes and digitised records. However, once the final Specialty goes live then no further physical case-notes will be created.

Once a set of case-notes has been digitised, all future documentation is scanned into Medi-Viewer as day-forward documentation. Day forward will continue until an Electronic Patient Record is implemented, at which point electronic forms will be generated.

Sarah Egleton
Head of Health Records
March 2022



Consultant recognised as the world's top expert for diabetic ketoacidosis

One of our consultants has been recognised as the world's top expert for diabetic ketoacidosis – a condition which can prove fatal for people with either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

Expertscape.com recognises Ketan Dhatariya, who works in our Elsie Bertram Diabetes Centre, as the leading expert in his field based on a number of factors including number of articles published in journals, as well as research and development.

"This is wonderful. I am really honoured to be identified as world number one. It is a real feather in the cap of the department and the Trust as well," said Ketan.

Ketan joined our hospital as a consultant in diabetes, endocrinology and general medicine in 2004, and became an Honorary Professor of Medicine at the UEA (University of East Anglia) in 2019.

He is a full time clinician with particular interest in inpatient diabetes – specifically regarding peri-operative diabetes care, the management of diabetes related emergencies, and the 'diabetic foot'.

He leads one of the largest foot clinics in the East of England. He also holds a number of national roles: he is the Chair of the Joint British Diabetes Societies Inpatient Care Group where he has led or co-authored the national guidelines on the management of various aspects of inpatient diabetes care including the guideline on diabetic ketoacidosis.

He is the Chair of the Examining Board for the UK Specialist Clinical Exam in Diabetes and Endocrinology; immediate past President of the Diabetes and Endocrine section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and an Associate Editor of Diabetic Medicine and BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care.



Clinical Effectiveness

Mobile Cancer Unit

NNUH is the biggest cancer centre in the East of England and among the top four centres in England for numbers of treatments delivered. We provide services to patients from Norfolk and North Suffolk and further afield where we are the specialist centre. In 2018/19 there were 24,883 admissions to the Weybourne Day Unit (WDU), with an anticipate 10 – 15% increase year on year.

In 2019, anticipating the increase in demand for chemotherapy and the inability to expand our footprint we partnered with the cancer charity Hope for Tomorrow. The charity is dedicated to bringing cancer care closer to patients' homes via their Mobile Cancer Care Units (MCCUs). They have been working in partnership with the NHS since 2007 and have partnered with NHS Trusts all over the country to bring cancer care closer to patients' homes. The vision of the charity is to support patients who are going through cancer treatment by alleviating the stresses and strains of travelling for appointments, along with supporting NHS trusts in reducing hospital waiting times. This fits in well with the NNUH 5 Year Cancer Strategy and the Long-Term Plan to bring care closer to home and lead on innovative cancer services.

We undertook a postcode mapping exercise to identify four possible locations for the Mobile Cancer Care Unit; identified as being more than 20 minutes travel from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Following other Organisation's example we identified Supermarkets at Attleborough, Beccles, Dereham and Fakenham who all had large car parks, café, and toilet facilities, and were very keen to support their community.

In 2021, delayed slightly by Covid-19, we began our roll out of services site by site. Since February 2021 we have treated 89 patients with chemotherapy and are now at

all 4 sites each week. This is now an integral part of the NNUH chemotherapy service and offers staff the ability to rotate between venues.

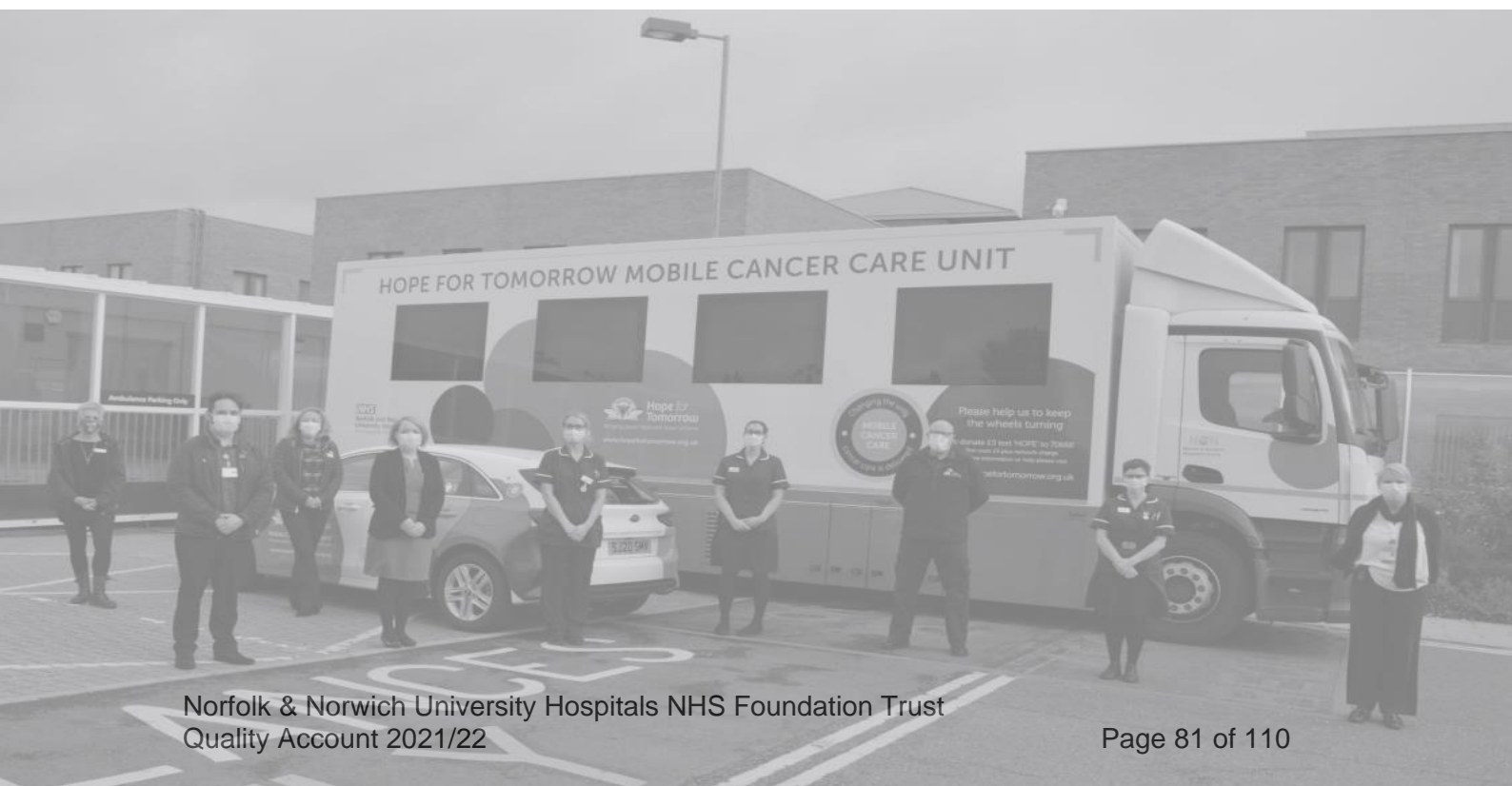
One patient who is receiving treatment said:

“The journey to the N&N is a round trip of fifty miles and I developed a phobia about the driving, parking and getting to my appointments. You can imagine my delight when I learned of the mobile unit! If I had been asked to imagine the best thing that could happen to help my treatments, I would not have been able to envision such a wonderful solution. Suddenly instead of my treatment being an ordeal it had become 'no big deal' at all. I felt like I was just popping down the road, as if I were just going to the shops.”

From a clinical team perspective this is a fantastic achievement with huge enthusiasm from the nurses and clinicians. It enables the teams to work in a variety of settings, adapting skills and experience but most importantly meeting their patient needs and offering a first-class service.

Starting the service through Covid-19 gave us many challenges including restricting the number of chairs in use on the MCCU for social distancing, enhanced infection control procedures and maintaining staffing levels. The service has now been running for over one year with over 800 patients receiving treatment on the vehicle. This has provided local services to patients during a time of great anxiety and disruption, enabling them to continue their cancer treatment in a safe environment.

We are celebrating our belated first birthday at the Trust in May, showcasing the MCCU to patients, staff and public alongside local dignitaries and fundraisers. This is a fantastic opportunity to spread the good news and thank everyone for all their hard work.



Acute Services Integration

Norfolk and Waveney Acute Hospital Collaboration



Acute Provider Collaboration

The NNUH, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, and the James Paget University Hospital in Gorleston, make up the three acute Trusts in Norfolk and Waveney. Together we have a long history of working together, including the development of the Eastern Pathology Alliance, integrating our urology and ENT services and most recently the excellent partnership support to each other through the crisis and recovery phases of Covid-19.

Building on this history, together we are responding to the national requirement for greater collaboration within the NHS as outlined by NHS England and NHS Improvement. We are doing this by committing to increasing our levels of partnership working and collaboration through the creation of an Acute Provider Collaborative. This is an agreement to formally work in partnership, sharing knowledge and taking future decisions related to hospital services together. Each of the three hospital Trusts in Norfolk and Waveney will remain as individual organisations, each with their own identity and services that fit their geography and local population. By moving forward together, we believe that more patients will benefit from the knowledge, expertise, and innovation within each respective organisation.

Our Provider Collaborative is called the Norfolk and Waveney Hospitals Group (NWHG) and it comprises members from the Board of Directors from each of the three acute Trusts. This group meets regularly in a 'Committees in Common' forum to take joint decisions on the future strategy for our hospitals. There is a clear focus on the significant priorities that face our hospitals, including urgent and emergency care, elective recovery, finance and digital solutions. One of the things that we are doing together is developing an acute clinical strategy for our hospitals, which aims to deliver more sustainable and accessible services to meet the needs of people living in Norfolk and Waveney and further improve clinical outcomes

The Norfolk and Waveney Hospital Group Clinical Strategy

Building on the successes of our acute service integration work in ENT and Urology, the NWHG is committed to developing a joint clinical strategy in 2022/23. The aim of this is to ensure hospital services are sustainable, accessible and provide the best possible care for people living in Norfolk & Waveney. The starting point for this will be agreeing a framework which sets out the vision and aims for the strategy, defining our shared clinical aspirations and objectives. The framework will need to respond to the growth and changing health needs in our population over the next fifteen to twenty years, as well as core national, regional and local NHS requirements. The framework will set out the scope of the strategy for hospital services to come together and collaboratively work together to respond to. The project group is committed to engaging a wide number of people throughout the development of the strategy, in particular patients and patient groups.

Responding to Ockenden

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust submitted compliance data against Ockenden Report (Part 1) requirements in June 2021 to NHS England and Improvement and feedback was issued in December 2021.

The feedback was RAG rated with four green compliant actions and four amber which require further evidence to demonstrate compliance. There were pieces of evidence submitted that were not acknowledged, and this was appealed.

Current outstanding actions:

Ockenden Report (Part 1)	
Actions outstanding	3 Actions IEA 3 & 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidisciplinary training 90% (Currently 89.2%) • CQC survey and action plan • Out of guidance SOP
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement new mandatory training non-compliance policy – across the 3 trusts • IT system cleanse of incorrect data to ensure accuracy • Nurse bank to add restrictions to bank contracts if PROMPT training not complete • CQC survey action plans underway • New birthing out of guidance policy in progress
Deadline	June 2022

Ockenden Report (Part 2) was released on 30th March 2022. The report detailed avoidable failings across the whole service with four pillars of recurrent themes:

Safe staffing levels	A well-trained workforce
Learning from incidents	Listening to families

As a whole, the Women's and Children's Division are reviewing the document, performing a rapid gap analysis and benching exercise to establish our position in relation to the report and compiling an action plan against the Immediate and Essential actions as required. This action plan will be available in April 2022, evidence will be reviewed at a Women's and Children's Evidence Group which will be reported into the Quality Programme Board.

Good News Stories

Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU)



EPAU delivers care to women in the early stages of their pregnancy. Women are referred because they are experiencing complications in their early pregnancy (such as bleeding or pain) or have had problems with previous pregnancies. Most women who are referred require a scan and some attendances will result in women being told that their pregnancy is no longer viable or the pregnancy is considered very high risk.

The previous environment within which these women were cared for lacked privacy, space and was not located within easy reach of the rest of the department should an emergency arise.

Following a review of the footprint within the division the decision was taken to convert some of the siderooms on Cley ward to a new EPAU, facilitating an increased space for EPAU to ensure that patients (and their families) receive the personalised, sensitive and dignified care they require.

The new space has provided us with additional facilities to deliver some of the clinical treatments and care required by these women along with a quiet room, scanning room, large reception and nurses/ assessment room.

Appointing a Bereavement Nurse

Feedback from our patients experiencing pregnancy loss (<18 weeks pregnant) highlighted that there was a lack of support for women and their families following their loss. We have been very fortunate to work with one family who have set up the Chloe Blossom Foundation to support the implementation of a bereavement nurses specifically for this group of patients. Working with the family, the hospital charity team and the Gynae team we are just about to advertise the post.

“The Chloe Blossom Foundation has been created in memory of our little girl Chloe Blossom Matthews born 2nd May 2021. The foundation was formed to support other parents and families who sadly find themselves at such a

heart breaking time in life. We look to support parents and families making memories they are able to treasure forever.

We hope by providing the financial funding for a Bereavement Nurse at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, this will help other families with their babies who have died through miscarriage, stillborn or termination.”

The team have worked closely to ensure the post will deliver the care these families require and enhance the quality of the service we provide. The post will be supported by the Foundation for five years. In addition to the nurse post the Foundation will be working with the team to look at a bespoke bereavement space on Cley.



Patient Experience

During 2019 we recruited a brand new Patient Engagement & Experience Team, created a Patient Panel, co-created a strategy and brought volunteering under the patient experience umbrella.

We put in place some of the first foundations for achieving our co-designed ambitions and priorities.

In early 2020 we faced a global pandemic. This did not stop us – we forged a way through and found ways to push forward on the key priorities, keep momentum going to ensure the patient & carer voice at the NNUH was able to embed and grow louder whilst also developing innovative responses to keeping patients and families connected when visiting was halted.

The strategy was launched formally at the Trust AGM in early October 2020 and this review reflects on the progress to date to drive forward the voices of patients and families, especially those less well heard.

Our strategic aspiration for patient engagement and experience is:

NNUH is an outstanding organisation with exceptional patient and carer experience where people feel listened to, action is taken and we work in partnership with patients and carers, especially those who are seldom heard, to continually improve.

Our ambitions for patient engagement and experience:

- Working in partnership with patients is the norm – there is a strong Patient Voice including those who are seldom heard

- Services and pathways are co-designed with patients, staff and other stakeholders
- Feedback, whether complimentary or critical is proactively sought, coordinated, analysed & used to make improvements – ‘you said, we did...together’
- All staff feel engaged, confident and empowered to proactively listen, respond and act - from the top and embedded throughout the organisation
- Volunteers support the patient experience to be outstanding through innovative roles and opportunities

To do this we need strong foundations:

- Build a team – staff, volunteers, patients, carers
- Build capacity – awareness raising, training, confidence, connections
- Build relationships – across the organisation, county and beyond

“As the Chair of the NNUH Patient Panel I like to feel that the panel members are there as representatives of the wider patient and carer family to ask those ‘obvious’ questions and challenge in a supportive and constructive way when necessary. Co-design is the way forward to achieve an NHS that is truly fit for purpose and can adapt and flex to suit the changing needs of its ‘service users’”
Rosemary – Chair of Patient Panel

We identified 4 Key Priorities for 2019-2023; these are set out below, with progress to date in April 2021 – April 2022

We said we would.....	We have.....
<p>Strengthen partnership working with patients, volunteers and staff through: Strong patient voice via NNUH Patient Panel</p> <p>Patient Panel members embedded on range of committees, groups, etc. Patients and service users will be involved from the conception of any service change -all project initiation documents and processes must reflect this</p> <p>Provide support and training for staff to build capacity for co-design</p> <p>Provide resources to support capacity for co-design</p>	<p>Embedded a proactive, diverse and engaged Patient Panel + created a growing network of patient & carer led forums and groups – ‘A network of voices, louder and stronger together’. The move to Teams and Zoom enabled this ongoing and development of new engagement opportunities.</p> <p>The Carers’ Forum has strengthened during the year and contributed to improvements in policy and practice Norwich Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) has worked closely with maternity dept on innovative engagement via Facebook and is integral to plans going forward</p> <p>Division for Clinical Support Services own</p>

<p>Volunteer roles will be innovative and developed to directly improve the care experience</p> <p>Partnerships with external partners and stakeholders will be developed to ensure consistency and to involve the seldom heard</p>	<p>Patient Forum has supported the involvement in a number of QI projects and the DAC build plan</p> <p>A Patient Panel member is now a key patient partner within Medicine Division</p> <p>Patient Panel members actively engaged with committees and groups – PEEG, HICC, Health & Safety, Quality Improvement, Transforming Outpatients, Nutritional Steering Group, Digital Transformation, Acute Integration consent Policy work stream, Complaints and PALS integration and transformation</p> <p>Developed Toolkits, training and support offer to support embedding patients and service users into any service redesign/improvement projects.</p> <p>New volunteering strategy rolled out focussing on innovative roles to support patients and families – at mealtimes, in discharge planning and settling in at home – supporting discharge to assess and ‘safety netting’ calls to ensure patients can remain safely at home. Key to this has been the driver scheme which ensure responsive and safe support to patients. The Butterfly volunteers supporting end of life patients were able to return and plans were developed for a bereavement hub.</p> <p>Partnerships and relationships developed with external partners to connect with those less well heard groups and ensure their voices are amplified supported the consultation and engagement for our corporate strategy with minority ethnic communities and carers groups, continue working closely with the Maternity Voices Partnership and the Women and Children’s Division with plans to engage and work with children and young people better.</p> <p>Equality Delivery System (EDS) 2 action plans (divisional and Trust-wide) work carried out in relation to the patient focused outcomes was recognised as good practice regionally within the NHS East of England EDI network, nationally at the Heads of Patient Experience Network and at the annual Patient Experience for Improvement Conference (Mar 2022). A community survey was co- designed with staff networks and community contacts, the findings of the survey to influence future action plans</p>
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	<p>and steer for EDS2 at the NNUH.</p> <p>Continued to work with Healthwatch Norfolk, virtually, especially in relation to the feedback via their website and greater involvement in eg PEEG and Accessible Information group.</p> <p>Strong partnership working strengthened with acute partners at JPUH and QEHL as well as system partners NCH&C and the CCG. This enabled greater consistency around e.g. visiting arrangements and delivery of a pan Norfolk Carers Conference held via Zoom.</p>
<p>Create a culture where we really listen to patients and carers and take action, at all levels through: Provide and promote multiple ways for patients and carers to give feedback easily</p> <p>All staff will be supported, empowered to take action to rectify problems or concerns at the Point of Care (PoC)</p> <p>Increase the profile and availability of the PALS team</p> <p>Complaints policy and process will be reviewed and updated to ensure it is accessible, user-friendly and responsive</p>	<p>Engagement Team further developed a range of opportunities to connect and give feedback via virtual means – Care Opinion, Healthwatch website, Facebook, Twitter, Zoom meetings; QR codes and web links for surveys and latterly SMS survey requests.</p> <p>PALS continued to grow their support to families needing to connect to loved ones through ‘letters to loved ones’ and ensuring messages get through to patients on wards. Through the pandemic PALS supported the initial ‘Relatives Liaison Team’ and then the Family Liaison Service with keeping families and patients connected. They have developed Zoom opportunities for face to face meetings and calls and devised support for those wanting to make formal complaints.</p> <p>PALS piloted ‘let’s resolve it together’ training to support staff to feel confident and empowered to rectify concerns on the spot. The pilot was completed with learning gathered and recommendations made a plan is in place for rolling out the training across the Trust. This will develop further to encompass formal complaints management</p> <p>PALS and Complaints merged into one front door service during the coming year ensuring the new Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman framework is enacted – the service is co-designed with colleagues and Patient Panel members. The new combined service and team has meant we have one front door to support people when they contact the Trust with different levels of complexities and concerns about their training. The team have been training and providing support to divisions to manage own responses and developing ‘learning from’ culture.</p>

<p>Build an infrastructure for reflection and learning from feedback through: Patient stories are utilised for learning at Board, other meetings, training, films etc.</p> <p>Make the data available and easily accessible for staff and others (e.g. Patient Panel) to use for learning and quality improvements</p> <p>Improve triangulation and analysis of patient feedback from all sources</p> <p>Processes will be developed to evidence that practice has changed following complaints and improvements have been sustained</p> <p>Publicise the feedback, actions and outcomes to encourage learning and inform staff and public of outcomes.</p>	<p>Patient stories are shared and reviewed at Trust Board, Patient Engagement and Experience Governance Sub-Board (PEEG) and other key committees.</p> <p>Patient thanks are highlighted within daily communications within the Trust.</p> <p>IPR for some data – work in progress for IMI greater access + greater access to complaints + triangulation of positive and negative feedback to influence services.</p> <p>Better reporting and evidencing of changes via reporting to PEEG – divisional deep dives covering PALS/complaints/FFT and improvements – patient stories etc. New learning from strategy/process to go live.</p> <p>You Said We Did posters/ward boards embedded – and on website. Greater presence on website for Patient Experience and Engagement.</p>
<p>Develop a sustainable continuous Quality Improvement model that centres around the patient through: Implement the Quality & Safety Improvement Strategy and faculty</p> <p>Patients are involved as partners in QI projects from conception to implementation to evaluation</p> <p>Always Events are adopted as a patient centred QI methodology</p>	<p>Patient Panel members are involved in the ICS wide Quality Management Approach development.</p> <p>PP members are proactively approached by divisional colleagues to become involved in projects, provide feedback.</p>





Good News Story

Emily Wells

Winner of Chief Nurse Information Officer of the Year

Emily Wells, Chief Nurse Information Officer (CNIO), has won the Digital NHS CNIO of the Year award at the Digital Health Autumn Leadership Summit.

Emily has worked in the NHS since 2003 and specialised in Orthopaedics early on and quickly found her niche within surgery. Emily completed a Post Graduate Diploma at Masters level and became an Independent Nurse Prescriber. Whilst working as a Surgical Matron, Emily was asked to Lead on the implementation of Cerner at an integrated South London Trust. Emily has worked leading on digital projects for the past 10 years and became CNIO at the Norfolk and Norwich in 2020. Emily is also a Florence Nightingale Foundation Digital Leadership Scholar 2020.

Emily was nominated for the CNIO of the Year award by a member of the National Team (NHSX). It was confirmed that Emily won because of the following attributes:

Leadership – Successfully led and set up the NNUH technology enabled virtual ward during Covid-19, working with a wide range of stakeholders across numerous clinical specialties

Collaboration – Has generously shared learning with others across the country, presented on several national events that have been incredibly well received and

enabled other areas to move forward at pace learning from the great work Emily has led on. HAs equally ensure NNUH have utilised learning from elsewhere to avoid duplication of effort.

Patient Focus – Has maintained a patient focus across all this work through ensuring a focus on patient satisfaction levels and patient benefits in bed days saved which enables other patients to utilise those physical beds

Staff focus – Has provided insights into the workforce opportunities that technology enabled care providers and highlights that this has been a truly multidisciplinary team success story.

Strategic Thinking – Has demonstrated thinking big i.e. opportunities beyond the current work e.g. opportunity of all specialties to engage with this model of care plus the possibility of a 'digital' hospital.

Emily said *"It was an absolute honour to have been awarded CNIO of the Year, I am passionate about digital and ensuring our nursing, midwifery and clinical professionals voices are heard. To have been nominated around the work and leadership of the Virtual Ward was particularly special because of the benefits the virtual ward brings to our patients"*



Staff Experience

NHS Staff Survey

The NHS Staff Survey 2021 launched at NNUH on 4th October 2021 and closed on 26th November 2021. The response rate for the Trust was 49% with 4,347 staff sharing their views, exceeding the 2020 48.1% response rate. The 2021 response rate was also above the national acute trust 46% average response rate (126 acute trusts).

2021 Staff Survey - benchmark results

In line with the commitment in the National People Plan the NHS Staff Survey has been redeveloped in line with the [People Promise](#), which sets out what NHS staff can expect from their leaders and from each other. These set out, in the words of NHS people, the things that would most improve their working experiences – like health and wellbeing support, the opportunity to work flexibly, and to feel we all belong, whatever our background or our job. From 2021, the NHS Staff Survey will track progress towards the seven elements of the People Promise:

- We are compassionate and inclusive
- We are recognised and rewarded
- We each have a voice that counts
- We are safe and healthy
- We are always learning
- We work flexibly
- We are a team



In addition to the 7 People Promise themes, there are two additional themes Staff Engagement and Morale.

National benchmarking Results – 126 acute trusts

NNUH score below the national acute trust average for All 7 themes of the People Promise and Staff Engagement and Morale themes.

There are no national or NNUH previous year comparisons for the People Promise theme scores due to changes in the 2021 survey. Previous years' results can however be compared by question level for 63 of the 99 questions (36 have changed/ new questions).

NNUH Staff Engagement and Morale scores have both declined compared to 2020 and this is also seen at national level with declines in the acute highest score and acute average scores, for both Staff Engagement and Morale.

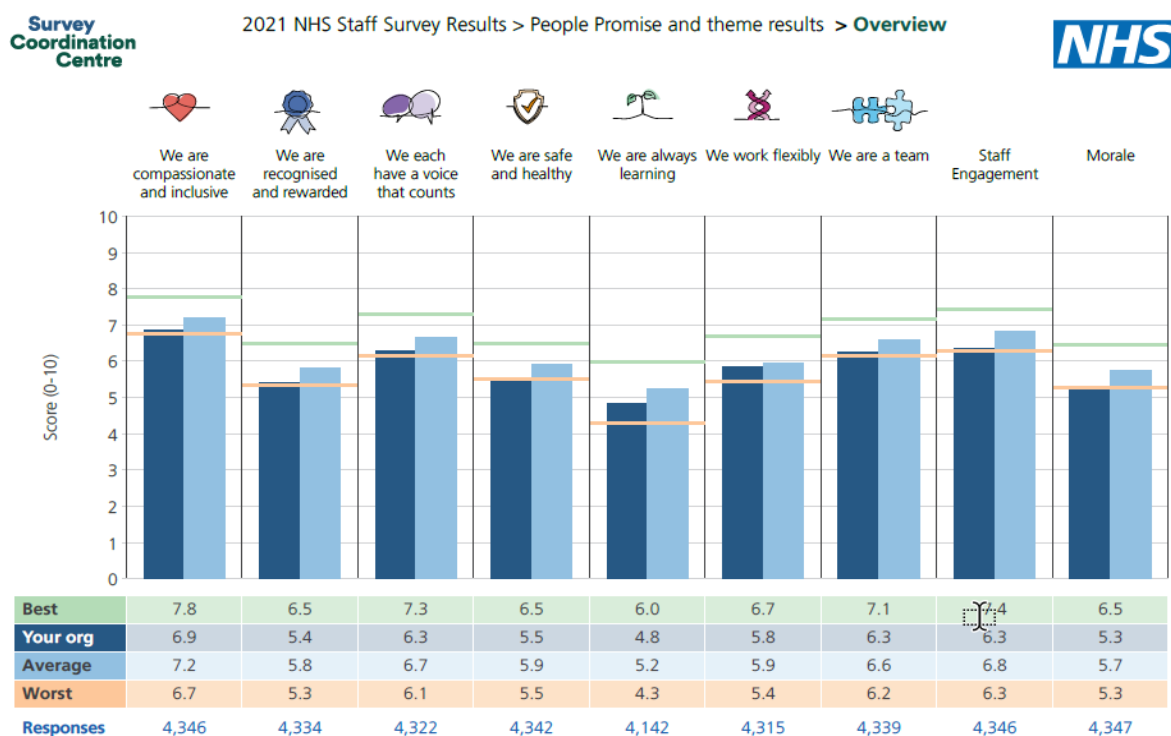
When comparing the NNUH 99 question scores from 2020 to 2021:

- 9 improved
- 5 stayed the same
- 49 worsened
- 36 have no comparison to 2021 year as they are different questions

The number of staff survey question results that are better/worse or equal to the national acute trust average 2021:

- 7 scored better than the national acute trust average
- 7 scored the same as the national acute trust average
- 85 scored worse than the national acute trust average

NNUH 2021 theme scores compared to the benchmark of 126 acute trusts



Next Steps

The 2021 results represent a difficult period where we're disappointed about our staff experiences of working at NNUH. Data from the 2021 staff survey has provided the Trust with strong evidence that there is significant work to be done to improve our staff experiences.

We acknowledge the suite of studies over recent years by academics and the [Kings Fund](#), specific to health care settings which clearly evidence that Trusts with higher levels of staff engagement deliver services of higher quality and perform better financially, as rated by the Care Quality Commission. They have higher patient satisfaction scores and lower staff absenteeism. They have consistently lower patient mortality rates than other trusts. By improving our staff experience we should expect to also find improvements in the experiences and outcomes of our patients.

We are determined to make our hospitals a better place to work and are developing a three-year Improvement Plan to turn around our results. We will work together, both internally and with the wider healthcare system, to make transformational changes to the way in which we work, care for patients and each other.

We understand the huge pressures that our staff are under every day and, as we emerge from the height of the pandemic, we've a programme of work under way to reset the way we work and ensure that our staff receive the support they need. This includes a major investment in improved staff facilities which will make the most difference to our staff.

We want our staff to enjoy working at NNUH, to have fulfilling careers, and to remain with us. We have a significant health and wellbeing programme in place and will build on that to ensure our staff get help quickly when they need it.

Staffing levels are a significant issue, and we have several large-scale recruitment campaigns under way to help ensure we have the staff numbers we need. This includes the 96 international nurses who are due to join us by the end of May 2022. We are also working with other organisations across Norfolk and Waveney to recruit 800 healthcare assistants, with NNUH taking the largest cohort.

Other improvements are being taken forward in action plans produced by the divisions to address more specific issues.



A global first for NNUH using gel spacer for prostate cancer treatments

Prostate cancer specialists from the Radiotherapy Department at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals Foundation Trust have become the first in the world to use an innovative technique to help patients receiving treatment for prostate cancer.

Some patients receiving radiotherapy for prostate cancer will have their treatment split into two portions. The first stage of killing the cancerous cells uses a temporary radioactive implant, in a process known as high dose rate (HDR) brachytherapy. The second part is delivered as a powerful x-ray beam from outside the patient, in a process known as external beam radiotherapy, which is carried out over a number of appointments. During both stages, however, it is possible for healthy tissue to be damaged such as the large bowel which can become chronically inflamed.

By inserting a hyaluronic acid rectal spacer, it is possible to protect the neighbouring tissues from the potential damage caused by external beam radiotherapy. The rectal spacer insertion is usually carried out under local anaesthetic, one to two weeks prior to treatment.

The composition of other spacing devices has prevented their use during HDR

brachytherapy treatment, as they limit the visibility of the ultrasound imaging, which is key for monitoring this type of brachytherapy treatment. The hyaluronic acid spacer does not interfere with the ultrasound signals which means the prostate gland and surrounding organs can be seen fully after the implant has been inserted. This allows the implant to be inserted during the HDR procedure without reducing image quality for the Clinical Oncologist placing the needle.

Since June last year, patients undergoing HDR brachytherapy have continued to receive a hyaluronic acid spacer during their procedure. For the initial 10 patients, we have collected data on the insertion and treatment delivered, showing the safe and beneficial use of a hyaluronic spacer. The data has been put forward in an abstract and accepted at ESTRO 2022 (European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology) in Copenhagen this year. The team continue to collect and analyse the data, with an end goal of publishing a full write up including a larger cohort of patients'

There is currently a business case being established within the Medical Division to bring this technique into routine practice.

Statement from Healthwatch Norfolk



Healthwatch Norfolk Statement – NNUH Quality Account 2021/22

Chief Executive's Statement on Quality

Healthwatch Norfolk appreciates the opportunity to make comments on this NNUH Quality Account, which includes a detailed account of how the Trust continued to respond to Covid-19, and begin to restore services impacted by the pandemic. Services and the normal measures of patient quality and priorities continue to be affected. This is acknowledged by the Chief Executive of the Trust and has been apparent to Healthwatch Norfolk staff, in monitoring the experiences of patients across Norfolk. It is a problem in most hospitals across the country.

Healthwatch Norfolk pays tribute to all members of staff at the Trust, who will have undoubtedly saved the lives of so many patients during this period – both those suffering from Covid-19 and also those with other medical problems treated and cared for. It is acknowledged that the staff survey has provided evidence of the stress on staff and that there is a 3 year improvement plan to turn around the current situation.

It is therefore very encouraging that the Chief Executive has many positive issues to emphasize, notably the very significant role the Trust has played in the vaccination programme; redesigning services, including virtual consultations and a virtual ward and joining 10 other hospitals in pioneering research on the causes of dizziness.

The Trust has also been involved in other positive developments – the opening of the new North Norfolk Macmillan Centre at Cromer Hospital; providing a regionally networked service as part of a national drive to reduce maternal deaths and training 12 Consultant Physicians in Obstetric Medicine.

Healthwatch Norfolk also congratulates the Inpatient team from Elsie Bertram Diabetes Centre, who have won an award for excellence from the Royal College of Physicians.

The Trust is able to highlight good news stories throughout the Account, all of which are worth reading.

Priorities for Improvement

The Trust has met more of their designated Priorities for Improvement than last year and has added 11 new priorities, with particular emphasis on patient experience, patient safety, clinical effectiveness and staff experience. It is good to see that these include statements on how these will be achieved, measured and monitored.

Reviews of Services

NNUH has continued to review the data on the quality of care in the health services, which it provides or contracts. It has also been involved in 58 national clinical audits and 4 national confidential enquiries. This level of involvement in audits is impressive given the continued impact of Covid-19 on services.

A CQC inspection of the NNUH's Urgent and Emergency Care services took place in July 21, following the previous December 2020 inspection. This resulted in an improvement in the CQC rating: for Safe, Effective, Caring and Well-Led the rating was Good. The rating for Responsive remained at Requires Improvement. The overall rating was Good.

Learning from Deaths

The Account gives a breakdown of deaths during 21/22 at the hospital. 2397 in-patients died, compared to 2694 in 20/21. A further 1082 died within 30 days of discharge in 21/22 compared to 1299 in 20/21, giving an overall total of 3479. This compares to 3993 in 20/21. The numbers are also broken down by quarter. The annual figures included the categories of In-hospital deaths with learning difficulties (15), In-hospital deaths with severe mental illness (26), in-hospital still births (15) and In-hospital neonatal deaths (25).

The Account does not attempt to estimate the number of deaths attributable to Covid-19, which would have been interesting, but undoubtedly complex to ascertain precisely.

Patient Safety Serious incidents

There were 19 Serious Incidents in relation to deaths, but 8 Serious Incident Investigations remain outstanding.

There were 2 Never Events, compared with 3 the previous year.

Performance against relevant indicators and performance thresholds

At the time of reading this Quality Account figures on the following significant and relevant indicators had not been provided: the following figures were provided in **2020/21** and it is clear from the Chief Executive's Statement that seeking improvement has been very difficult to achieve:

18 weeks from referral to treatment	50.2% against threshold of 92%
A &E maximum waiting times	66% (excluding Walk in Centre) against threshold of 92%
All cancers: 62 day wait for first treatment from GP:	59.8% against threshold of 85%
62 day wait from NHS cancer screening:	70.5% against threshold of 90%

Cancer Services

Healthwatch Norfolk is very pleased to have it confirmed that NNUH is still the biggest cancer centre in the East of England and among the top four centres in England for numbers of treatments delivered; also that NNUH is now providing treatments, in partnership with the cancer charity "Hope for Tomorrow" through a Mobile Cancer Care Unit, based at Attleborough, Beccles, Dereham and Fakenham.

Acute Services Integration

A single clinical team now runs the Norfolk and Waveney Urology Service and also Ear, Nose and Throat across JPUH, NNUH and QEHL. The Norfolk and Waveney Hospital Group is committed to developing an acute clinical strategy for all 3 hospitals.

Staff Survey

Some of the staff survey results are disappointing, particularly the percentage of NNUH staff who would recommend the Trust as a provider of care to their family and friends – 60% in 21/22 compared to 72.2% the previous year. This is acknowledged by the Chief Executive, who is seeking to turn this around again.

Freedom to Speak Up

The description of the Freedom to Speak Up Service suggests a stable team, with a clear Speak Up policy in place. It would have been useful to see numbers of people speaking up.

Format of the Account

The foreword provides details about how to obtain the document in large print, Braille or another language, for those who request it.

The provision of a glossary of terms used in the Account and definitions of acronyms are both very helpful to the lay reader.

Healthwatch Norfolk remains totally committed to working with the Trust to ensure that the views of the patients, their families and carers are taken into account and to make recommendations for change, where appropriate.

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Dear Sam,

Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) supports Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NNUHFT) in its publication of the Quality Account for 2021/22. Having reviewed the Account we are satisfied that it incorporates the mandated elements required, based on information available.

The CCG recognises the challenges experienced by the Trust over the last contractual year and the significant pressures that the workforce has faced in managing the COVID-19 pandemic and an increased demand on services. The CCG commends the Trust for your continued delivery of services, and we thank your staff for their commitment during such unprecedented times in caring for those using your services.

The CCG recognises the progress that the Trust has made against some of the Quality Improvement Priorities during 2021/22 and appreciates the challenges and constraints that the continued presence of COVID-19 has had on the progression of others. Despite such challenges the Trust has made improvements, as evidenced within an unannounced Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection focussed on Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) with an overall UEC rating of 'Good.' The CCG acknowledges the significant effort and dedication made by the Trust to progress with new services, such as the Macmillan Centre and the Maternal Medical Centre, all of which will have a positive impact on our local population.

Reassuringly, the Trust has maintained its robust governance around incident management, with daily serious incident group meetings, dedicated family liaison to support patients and their families and the 'Essential Care Programme,' to drive quality improvement to the forefront of patient safety.

The CCG notes and supports the Trust's Quality Priorities for 2022/23, which have been refreshed to align to the new Trust strategy 'Caring with Pride.'

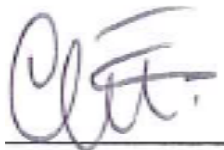
In light of the recent publication of the Ockenden report, the CCG supports the focus on Maternity services, in providing personalised and safe care to women, babies and their families. We note that some of last year's priorities are to be revisited which we fully support, and we are pleased to see the focus on both equity of access to services and to staff experiences, particularly during such challenging times for the NHS workforce.

We note that patient experience remains a priority and we would encourage the Trust to ensure that the views and experiences of children and young people are considered and represented where possible.

The CCG recognises the challenges ahead and values the ongoing commitment from all staff within the Trust to improve the experience of patients and their families by learning from both national and local improvement reports, independent enquiries and the recommendations made by the Care Quality Commission. We recognise the importance of collaborative partnership working and the positive impact that this can have on quality, and we look forward to working with you during 2022/23.

NHS Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group commends NNUHFT for this Quality Account and believes the Account provides an opportunity to share with patients, families, and carers the ongoing work of the organisation in maintaining and developing quality. On behalf of NHS Norfolk and Waveney CCG, I would like to thank you for your continued hard work and look forward to working with you during 2022/23.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Turner', is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Turner
Head of Nursing and Quality
Norfolk and Waveney CCG

Feedback from Governors

Comment on the Quality Account from Erica Betts, Lead Governor, NNUH:



“As Lead Governor for NNUH, I would like to thank all those staff who have put this Account together, aligning our quality priorities with the new Trust strategy “Caring with Pride”. Hopefully the formation of an Acute Collaborative will benefit the quality of patient care across the system. There have been many achievements, not least the development of a mobile Cancer Unit to reach patients for whom it is hard to travel, plus innovative projects for robotic surgery and the anti-spiking campaign, among others. It has been a very challenging two years for everyone at NNUH and while there is still work to be done to catch up, it is commendable that so much work on quality has continued in this difficult period.”



Good News Story

Lorraine Snailum

Cardiology Housekeeper wins NHS Person of the Year Award

Congratulations to Lorraine Snailum, Cardiology Housekeeper, who has won the NHS Person of the Year award at the “Stars of Norfolk and Waveney” award ceremony organised by the Eastern Daily Press.

Lorraine has worked at the NNUH for 12 years and was nominated by her son’s girlfriend. The judges said: “Lorraine has worked tirelessly during the pandemic and deserves praise for

her work. Her energy and support to colleagues is extraordinary.”

“I was so proud to be nominated and really shocked when I was one of the finalists” said Lorraine. “I was invited to Norwich Cathedral for the ceremony and just couldn’t believe that I won the award. I feel the award isn’t just for me, it’s for all of Cardiology as I work with some amazing people, and I am so proud of our department.”

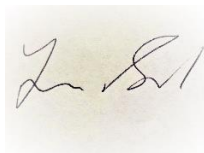
Annex 2- Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Quality Account

The Directors are required under the Health Act 2009, National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010 and National Health Service (Quality Account) Amendments Regulation 2011, 2012 and 2017 to prepare Quality Accounts for each financial year. The Department of Health has issued guidance on the form and content of the 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.



Tom Spink
Interim Chairman

Date: 08.06.2022



Sam Higginson
Chief Executive

Date: 08.06.2022

Annex 3- Glossary of terms

Acute Medical Unit (AMU)	Rapid assessment and diagnosis unit for emergency patients
Bacteraemia	An infection resulting from presence of bacteria in the blood
BCIS	British Cardiovascular Intervention Society
Clinical Audit	The process of reviewing clinical processes to improve them
Clinical Governance	Processes that maintain and improve quality of patient care
Clostridium difficile, C difficile or C.diff	A bacterium that can cause infection
Coding or clinical coding	An internationally agreed system of analysing clinical notes and assigning clinical classification codes
CQC or Care Quality Commission	The independent regulator of all health and social care services in England.
CQUIN	Commissioning for Quality and Innovation. Schemes to deliver quality improvements which carry financial rewards in the NHS.
CT scan or Computed Tomography scanning	A technique which combines special x-ray equipment with computers to produce images of the inside of the body.
DAHNO	Data for Head and Neck Oncology, a database of information on head and neck cancer patients
Data Quality	The process of assessing how accurately the information and data we gather is held
Datix	A patient safety web-based incident reporting and risk management software for healthcare and social care organizations.
Decile	A statistical term, meaning one tenth of the whole.
Delayed Transfers of Care or DToCs	Term for patients who are medically fit to leave a hospital but are waiting for social care or primary care services to facilitate transfer
Dementia	The loss of cognitive ability (memory, language, problem-solving) in a previously unimpaired person, beyond that expected of normal aging
Dr Foster	A company that has developed a Hospital Standardised Mortality Rate and other data comparisons across the NHS
Drugs, Therapeutics and Medicines Management Committee (DTMM)	An internal committee that considers all drug related issues
Early Warning Score (EWS)	A clinical checklist process used to

	identify rapidly deteriorating patients
East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST)	The Ambulance Service which covers Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.
Escherichia coli or E.coli	Part of the normal intestinal microflora in humans and warm-blooded animals. Some strains can cause disease in humans, ranging from mild to severe.
GPs	General Practitioners i.e. family doctors
Health Protection Agency (HPA)	An independent body that protects the health and well-being of the population.
HPV	Human papillomavirus – a DNA virus from the papillomavirus family that is capable of infecting humans.
Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR)	An indicator of healthcare quality that measures whether the death rate at a hospital is higher or lower than should be expected.
ICNARC CMP	Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre Case Mix Programme
LoS	Length of stay
MDT	Multi-disciplinary Team, composed of doctors, nurses, therapists and other health professionals
MI or Myocardial Infarction	A heart attack, usually caused by a blood clot, which stops the blood flowing to a part of the heart muscle
MINAP	Myocardial Infarction Audit Project
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus, a strain of bacterium that is resistant to one type of antibiotic
MSSA	Methicillin-sensitive Staphylococcus aureus, a strain of bacteria that is sensitive to one type of antibiotic
NBOCAP	National Bowel Cancer Audit Programme
NCAA	National Cardiac Arrest Audit, the national, clinical audit for in-hospital cardiac arrest
NCE – National Confidential Enquiries	A system of national confidential audits which carry out research into patient care in order to identify ways of improving its quality.
Neonates	Medical term for babies born prematurely in the first 28 days of life
NHFD	National Hip Fracture Database
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
NICU – Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	The unit in the hospital which cares for very sick or very premature babies

NIHR	National Institute for Health Research
NLCA	National Lung Cancer Audit
Norovirus	Sometimes known as the winter vomiting bug, the most common stomach bug in the UK, affecting people of all ages
NNAP	National Neonatal Audit Programme
NRLS	National Reporting and Learning System – A database of patient safety information
Palliative Care	Form of medical care that concentrates on reducing the severity of disease symptoms to prevent and relieve suffering
Paediatrics	The branch of medicine for the care of infants, children and young people up to the age of 16.
Perinatal	Defines the period occurring around the time of birth (five months before and one month after)
PHSO	Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman
PLACE – Patient Led Assessment of Clinical Environment	A national programme that replaced PEAT from April 2013.
PPCI – Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention	A treatment for heart attack patients which unblocks an artery by opening a small balloon, or stent, in the artery
Prescribing	The process of deciding which drugs a patient should receive and writing those instructions down on a patient's drug chart or prescription
Pressure Ulcer	Pressure ulcers are a type of injury that breaks down the skin and underlying tissue. They are caused when an area of skin is placed under pressure. They are also sometimes known as "bedsores" or "pressure sores".
PROM - Patient Reported Outcome Measures	A national programme whereby patients having particular operations fill in questionnaires before and after their treatment to report on the quality of care
Quartile	A statistical term, referring to one quarter of the whole
RCA or Root Cause Analysis	A method of problem solving that tries to identify the root causes of faults or problems
Screening	Assessing patients who are not showing symptoms of a particular disease or condition to see if they have that disease or condition

Sepsis	Sometimes called blood poisoning, sepsis is the systemic illness caused by microbial invasion of normally sterile parts of the body
Serco	The company that provides support services like catering, cleaning and engineering to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital
STEMI - ST segment elevation myocardial infarction	A heart attack which occurs when a coronary artery is blocked by a blood clot.
Stent	A small mesh tube used to treat narrow or weak arteries. Arteries are blood vessels that carry blood away from your heart to other parts of your body.
Streptococcus	A type of infection caused by a type of bacteria called streptococcal or 'strep' for short. Strep infections can vary in severity from mild throat infections to pneumonia, and most can be treated with antibiotics.
Stroke	The rapidly developing loss of brain function due to a blocked or burst blood vessel in the brain.
Surgical Site Infection (SSI)	Occurs when microorganisms enter the part of the body that has been operated on and multiply in the tissues.
TARN	Trauma Audit and Research Network
Thrombolysis or thrombolysed	The breakdown of blood clots through use of clot busting drugs
Thromboprophylaxis	Any measure taken to prevent coronary thrombosis
Thrombosis	The process of a clot forming in veins or arteries
Thrombus	A clot which forms in a vein or an artery
TIA or Transient Ischaemic Attack	This happens when blood flow to a part of the brain stops for a brief period of time. A person will have stroke-like symptoms for up to 24 hours, but in most cases for 1 – 2 hours. A TIA is felt to be a warning sign that a true stroke may happen in the future if something is not done to prevent it.
Tissue Viability (TV)	The medical specialism concerned with all aspects of skin and soft tissue wounds including acute surgical wounds, pressure ulcers and leg ulcers

Deconditioning Games



As a Trust we've been invited to take part in the Deconditioning Games, an initiative launched by NHS England to help raise awareness of deconditioning and support innovation to prevent it.

Deconditioning is the loss of muscle and independence which can be caused by bedrest and decreased mobility, leading to an increased risk of falls.

The medals are awarded based on the results of the deconditioning initiatives. A bronze medal is awarded for testing something new in practice; a silver medal is awarded for being able to demonstrate that the initiative is making a difference; and a gold medal is awarded for being able to demonstrate an embedded initiative that's been shared with external and internal teams and policies, procedures and guidelines have been formally put in place as a result.

So far, we've been awarded a total of 12 medals – 5 bronze medals and 7 silver medals.



Just some examples of the initiatives we have received medals for are; Neurosciences feeding project, Earshams nutritional work and the discharge team introducing an educator role.

The Neuroscience feeding project was: to promote enhanced quality of care for patients with neurological conditions, such as Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, brain tumours and Parkinson's Disease, and promote independence and neurological recovery during extra rehabilitation sessions focussed on eating and drinking.

Process: Six Physiotherapy Assistants were trained in Therapeutic feeding such as promoting use of the patient's weaker arm, use of modified cutlery to improve independence, strategies for visual impairment and coordination difficulties by Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists. Speech and Language Therapists gave training on National standardised diet and drink modifications and basic swallow safety.



Annex 4 -Acronyms A-Z

A&E	Accident and Emergency Department (See ED)
ACU	Acute Cardiac Unit
BPT	Best Practice Tariff
C.difficile (C.diff)	Clostridium difficile
CAM	Confusion Assessment Method
CAPE	Carer and Patient Experience Committee
CCC	Critical Care Complex
CDI	Clostridium difficile infection
CG NICE	Clinical Guideline from NICE
CHD	Congenital Heart Disease
CHKS	Caspe Healthcare Knowledge Systems
CLAW	Collaborative Learning Action Workshops
CMP	Case Mix Programme
CMT	Core Medical Trainee
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CQUIN	Commissioning for Quality Improvement and Innovation
CRM	Cardiac Rhythm Management
CT	Computerised Tomography
CYP	Children and Young Persons
DNACPR	Do not attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
EADU	Emergency Admission and Discharge Unit
EAHSN	Eastern Academic Health Science Network
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ED	Emergency Department (See A&E)
EEAST	East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
ENT	Ear, nose and throat
EPLS	European Paediatric Advanced Life Support
EPMA	E-Prescribing and Medicines Administration
FFFAP	Falls and Fragility Fractures Audit Programme
FFT	Friends and Family Test
FTSU	Freedom to Speak Up
FY	Foundation Year
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GIRFT	Getting it right first time
HALO	Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officer
HANA	Head and Neck Cancer Audit
HAT	Hospital Acquired Thrombosis
HES	Hospital Episode Statistics
HMCI	Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills
HSCIC	Health and Social Care Information Centre
HTA	Human Tissue Authority
IBD	Inflammatory Bowel Disease

IG	Information Governance
IGT	Information Governance Toolkit
IS	Information Services
IT	Information Technology
JAG	Joint Advisory Group
JPUH	James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
KF	Key Finding
KLOE	Key Lines of Enquiry
LMNS	Local Maternity and Neonatal System
MASH	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
MINAP	Myocardial Ischaemia National Audit Project
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MTPJ	Metatarsophalangeal Joint
N/A	Not applicable
NAD	National Audit of Dementia
NAOGC	National Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit
NBOCAP	National Bowel Cancer Audit
NCA	National Comparative Audit
NCEPOD	National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death
NDA	National Diabetes Audit
NDFA	National Diabetes Footcare Audit
NED	National Endoscopy Database
NELA	National Emergency Laparotomy Audit
NG	NICE Guidance
NHFD	National Hip Fracture Database
NHS	National Health Service
NHSLA	National Health Service Litigation Authority
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NIHR	National Institute for Health Research
NJR	National Joint Registry
NLCA	National Lung Cancer Audit
NNAP	National Neonatal Audit Programme
NNUH	Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
NOFERP	Neck of Femur Enhanced Recovery Programme
NPDA	National Paediatric Diabetes Audit
NPSA	National Patient Safety Agency
NRLS	National Reporting and Learning Service
PALS	Patient Advice and Liaison Service
PbR	Payment by Results
PCNL	Percutaneous nephrolithotomy
PE	Pulmonary Embolism
PICA	Net Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network
PLACE	Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment
PODs	Patients' own drugs
PROMs	Patient Reported Outcome Measures

PSEC	Patient Safety and Effectiveness Committee
PSI	Patient Safety Incident
QI	Quality Improvement
QIR	Quality Incident Report
QS	NICE Quality Standard
RAG	Red/Amber/Green
RCA	Root Cause Analysis
ROP	Retinopathy of prematurity
SACT	Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy
SAFER	Senior review, All patients, Flow, Early discharge, Review
SCEC	Surgery, Critical and Emergency Care
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disability
SHMI	Summary hospital level mortality indicator
SHOT	Serious Hazards of Transfusion
SI	Serious Incident
SSNAP	Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme
STP	Sustainability and Transformation Plan
StR	Specialty Registrar
T&O	Trauma and Orthopaedic
TACO	Transfusion Associated Circulatory Overload
TARN	Trauma Audit and Research Network
UKRETS	UK Registry of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgery
VC	Virtual Clinic
VTE	Venous Thromboembolism
WESB	Workforce and Education Sub-Board
WTE	Whole Time Equivalent

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