

## Non-financial monitoring 2008-09: Q1 commentary

### MRSA

The Whittington had 7 MRSA bacteraemia in Q1, against a target of 4. Of these, 3 were diagnosed in the first 48 hours of admission, and were therefore admitted with MRSA.

All cases had a root cause analysis undertaken. management of peripheral cannulae remains a factor in the cases diagnosed more than 48 hours after admission. The DH Improvement Support team arranged for a team of nurses to visit the trust on 16 May and undertake a number of practice audits, including hand hygiene, peripheral cannula management, urinary catheter management, and cleanliness. Their report demonstrated good standards of care.

In addition, further work has been done with our PCTs, to agree a pathway for reporting and reviewing pre-48 hours cases. The pathway is now in place, and will support joint RCA of these cases.

### DTOCs

As we are reporting a position on the upper limit we shall be undertaking further analysis and discussing with the principal PCT.

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