

## Non-financial monitoring 2008-09: Q2 commentary

### MRSA

The Whittington had 6 MRSA bacteraemia in Q2, against a target of 4. Of these, 1 was diagnosed in the first 48 hours of admission.

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. Refresher training was provided for all ward nurses during September and October 2007, to ensure consistent standards of practice.

The Clinical Director for the Division of Medicine is leading a project to reduce the numbers of peripheral cannulae that are inserted. Standard of practice in the management of peripheral cannulae will be audited again by the Matrons on 27 October.

Junior doctors have received further training from the DIPC on prescribing MRSA suppression therapy for patients who have a positive MRSA screen on admission.

A pathway is now in place with our PCTs, for joint Root Cause Analysis of pre-48 hour bacteraemia cases.

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