

ITEM: 09/014

DOC: 13

Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 21 January 2009

Title: Care Quality Commission Registration

Executive Summary: Board members are aware that all trusts are required to register with the new Care Quality Commission from 1 April 2009. The initial registration submission must be made by 6 February.

The criteria for the registration are detailed in the attached paper.

The Board is asked to agree that the trust registers as compliant with all nine criteria from 1 April 2009

Action: For agreement

Report from: Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	Not applicable
--	----------------

Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	Reference: Hygiene Code (Health Act 2006) Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Care Quality Commission)
---	--

Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development	Reference: C4a, C4c, C21
---	------------------------------------

Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE) Lead: Director of Finance	Reference:
--	-------------------

Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime Lead: All directors	Compliance framework reference:
---	--

Care Quality Commission registration in relation to healthcare associated infection

Board members are aware that all trusts are required to register with the new Care Quality Commission from 1 April 2009. The initial registration submission must be made by 6 February. The full guidance can be accessed at www.cqc.org.uk

Trusts have to submit a statement of compliance confirming that *“a service provider in respect of carrying on of a regulated activity must, so far as practicable, ensure that patients, healthcare workers and others who may be at risk of acquiring a healthcare associated infection, are protected against identifiable risk of acquiring such an infection by the means specified in the regulations”*.

The registration form also requires a confirmation on whether the criteria set out in the Code of Practice about compliance with the regulation on HCAI are being, and will continue to be, met. There are nine criteria for this:

Criterion 1: the trust has in place and operates effective management systems for the prevention and control of HCAI that are informed by risk assessments and analysis of infection incidents

Criterion 2: the trust provides and maintains a clean and appropriate environment that facilitates the prevention and control of HCAI

Criterion 3: the trust provides suitable and sufficient information on HCAI to patients and the public and to other service providers when patients move to the care of another healthcare or social care provider

Criterion 4: the trust ensures patients presenting with an infection or who acquire and infection during treatment are identified promptly and receive appropriate treatment and care to reduce the risk of transmission

Criterion 5; the trust gains the co-operation of staff, contractors and others involved in the provision of healthcare in preventing and controlling infection

Criterion 6: the trust provides or can secure adequate isolation facilities

Criterion 7: the trust secures adequate access to laboratory support

Criterion 8: the trust has, and adheres to, appropriate policies and protocols for the prevention and control of HCAI

Criterion 9: the trust ensures, so far as is reasonably practicable, that healthcare workers are free of and protected from exposure to communicable infections during the course of their work, and that all staff are suitably educated in the prevention and control of HCAI.

Submission

There have recently been two areas in the hospital, not direct patient care areas, where the environment has been identified for urgent improvement, namely the

mattress store and the industrial washing machine room. Work in these areas will be completed by March 2009.

The Board is therefore asked to agree that the trust registers as compliant with all nine criteria from 1 April 2009.