

Non-financial monitoring 2008-09: Q2 commentary

MRSA

The Whittington had 4 MRSA bacteraemia in Q3, against a target of 4. Of these, 3 were diagnosed in the first 48 hours of admission.

All cases had a root cause analysis undertaken. A pathway is in place with our PCTs, for joint Root Cause Analysis of pre-48 hour bacteraemia cases. The Trust is working with the DH control of infection improvement team to quality assess the RCA process to ensure the causes for infection are fully understood and mitigating actions taken.

Since January the Trust Board, through the performance management dashboard, receives monthly reports on the screening of both elective and non elective patients on admission. Performance against this is improving each month. Following screening the DIPC is monitoring the promptness of commencing suppression therapy and working with Consultants and Junior Medical staff to improve this.

Following a hygiene code inspection by the HCC the Trust has made environmental improvements to its bed store and a domestic cleaning room.

The Trust has commenced its twice yearly programme of mandatory hand hygiene training for all staff. There is an ongoing training programme for staff in the management of peripheral cannulae, 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 and this has seen a reduction in the numbers of cannulae inserted.

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