

NHS Trust 2013/14 improvement priorities template

Annex A

For too long, significant variation in the quality of care has existed in the NHS, meaning patients in some parts of the NHS Trust sector receive world class care in a particular service while patients in other parts of the system don't. Tackling that variation won't just lead to improvements in care provided across the NHS Trust sector; all the evidence suggests it would also make the way we deliver care more efficient. We want to support NHS Trusts to close the gap on variation, create the conditions where highly performing Trusts can share best practice with poorer performing organisations, bring the best national expertise to bear on issues which require further support and ensure the local expertise we provide directly through our Delivery and Development teams is on hand to help NHS Trusts when they need it. As part of this, we expect every NHS Trust to identify five key areas of delivery where there is a significant variation from the top performers in the NHS and to set out an improvement plan to bridge that gap in the coming year.

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