The Open and Honest Care: Driving Improvement programme aims to support organisations to become more transparent and consistent in publishing safety, experience and improvement data; with the overall aim of improving care, practice and culture.

Report for:

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust

April 2014
Open and Honest Care at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust: April 2014

This report is based on information from March 2014. The information is presented in three key categories: safety, experience and improvement. This report will also signpost you towards additional information about the trust’s performance.

1. SAFETY

Safety thermometer

On one day each month we check to see how many of our patients suffered certain types of harm whilst in our care. We call this the safety thermometer. The safety thermometer looks at four harms: pressure ulcers, falls, blood clots and urine infections for those patients who have a urinary catheter in place. This helps us to understand where we need to make improvements. The score below shows the percentage of patients who did not experience any new harms.

98.9% of patients did not experience any of the four harms in this trust.

For more information, including a breakdown by category, please visit: http://www.safetythermometer.nhs.uk/

Health care associated infections (HCAIs)

HCAIs are infections acquired as a result of healthcare interventions. Clostridium difficile (C.difficile) and methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteremia are the most common. C.difficile is a type of bacterial infection that can affect the digestive system, causing diarrhoea, fever and painful abdominal cramps - and sometimes more serious complications. The bacteria does not normally affect healthy people, but because some antibiotics remove the ‘good bacteria’ in the gut that protect against C.difficile, people on these antibiotics are at greater risk.

The MRSA bacteria is often carried on the skin and inside the nose and throat. It is a particular problem in hospitals because if it gets into a break in the skin it can cause serious infections and blood poisoning. It is also more difficult to treat than other bacterial infections as it is resistant to a number of widely-used antibiotics.

We have a zero tolerance policy to infections and are working towards eradicating them; part of this process is to set improvement targets. If the number of actual cases is greater than the target then we have not improved enough. The table below shows the number of infections we have had this month, plus the improvement target and results for the year to date.

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<th>C.difficile</th>
<th>MRSA</th>
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<td>This month</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Improvement target (year to date)</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Actual to date</td>
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For more information please visit:
Pressure ulcers

Pressure ulcers are localised injuries to the skin and/or underlying tissue as a result of pressure. They are sometimes known as bedsores. They can be classified into four grades, with one being the least severe and four being the most severe.

This month 3 Grade 2 - Grade 4 pressure ulcers were acquired during hospital stays.

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<td>Grade 2</td>
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<td>Grade 3</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Grade 4</td>
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So we can know if we are improving even if the number of patients we are caring for goes up or down, we also calculate an average called 'rate per 1,000 occupied bed days'. This allows us to compare our improvement over time, but cannot be used to compare us with other hospitals, as their staff may report pressure ulcers in different ways, and their patients may be more or less vulnerable to developing pressure ulcers than our patients. For example, other hospitals may have younger or older patient populations, who are more or less mobile, or are undergoing treatment for different illnesses.

Rate per 1000 bed days: 0.26

Falls

This measure includes all falls in the hospital that resulted in injury, categorised as moderate, severe or death, regardless of cause.

This month we reported 1 fall(s) that caused at least 'moderate' harm.

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<td>Severe</td>
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Rate per 1,000 bed days: 0.09
2. EXPERIENCE

To measure patient and staff experience we use a Net Promoter Score.

The idea is simple: if you like using a certain product or doing business with a particular company you like to share this experience with others.

From the answers given 3 groups of people can be distinguished:
Detractors - people who would probably not recommend you based on their experience, or couldn't say .
Passive - people who may recommend you but not strongly.
Promoters - people who have had an experience which they would definitely recommend to others.

This gives a score of between -100 and +100, with +100 being the best possible result.

Patient experience

The Friends and Family Test

The Friends and Family Test requires all patients, after discharge, to be asked: *How likely are you to recommend our ward to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?*

The hospital had a score of 74 for the Friends and Family test*. This is based on 1374 responses**.


**Based on responses received in March

Each month we undertake a real time survey in which we ask patients about their care.

The results for the April survey are detailed below:

Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in the decisions about your care and treatment? 80.50%
Did you find someone to talk to about your worries & fears? 84.91%
Were you given enough privacy when being examined, treated or discussing your care? 99.37%
During your stay were you treated with compassion by hospital staff? 98.11%
Did you always have access to the call bell when you needed it? 98.11%
Did you get the care you felt you required when you needed it most? 99.37%

A patient's story
Staff experience

We asked 15 staff the following questions:

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<th>Question</th>
<th>Net Promoter Score</th>
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<td>I would recommend this ward/unit as a place to work</td>
<td>-7</td>
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<td>I would recommend the standard of care on this ward/unit to a friend or relative if they needed treatment</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>I am satisfied with the quality of care I give to the patients, carers and their families</td>
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3. IMPROVEMENT

Improvement story: we are listening to our patients and making changes

Many staff at WWL are involved in making improvements to services for our patients and we now have almost 200 quality champions and 60 improvement projects in progress. Our most recent recruits are working on a wide range of projects including: preventing pneumonia > improving discharge > supporting the carers of people with dementia > managing pain in A&E > the rehabilitation of patients who have had a stroke.

We recently held a staff development day which was attended by over 100 staff of all disciplines; one of the speakers at the event was the daughter of a lady who has dementia. The speaker described her mother's journey and some of her experiences of care at WWL; her story had a great impact on the audience and will undoubtedly promote a great deal of reflection and ultimately improvements in practice.

Supporting information