WRIGHTINGTON, WIGAN AND LEIGH NHS TRUST

TRUST BOARD MEETING

13 MARCH 2008 – (FOR INFORMATION & DECISION)

PART 1

SUBJECT : PATIENT ENVIRONMENT ACTION TEAMS (PEAT) VERIFICATION INSPECTION 2008

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Introduction

The National Patient Safety Agency communicated with NHS Trusts in December 2007 to outline the arrangements for the 2008 PEAT process and to highlight some changes that had been introduced to the assessment requirements.

To summarise the main changes are:

- All sites of 10 beds or over will be included in the process.
- Each region will be allocated a period during which the assessment should be undertaken and results returned to the NPSA.
- 25% of sites will receive an independent validation inspection.
- Self-assessment process will be maintained however the infection control section has been re-introduced and the food section has been revised so that it reflects the Standards for Better Health core standards (C15).

The NPSA informed WWL that our PEAT verification inspection should take place between the 2nd January and the 30th March will all results inputted to the NPSA by the 30th March 2008.

PEAT Verification Inspection

WWL inspection took place on Tuesday 26th February 2008.

The Self Assessment Standards are:

- Specific Cleanliness
- Toilet and Bathroom Cleanliness
- Infection Control
- Environment
- Access & External Areas
- Food and Food Services
- Privacy & Dignity
Senior PEAT Team membership:

Gill Harris Director of Nursing & Patient Services (Trust Board nominated lead person)
Marie Thompson Deputy Director of Nursing & Governance
Harold Trowbridge Chair Person, WWL Patient & Public Involvement Forum.
Linda Barkess Jones – Senior Nurse Infection Control
Neil Surrell Estates Manager
Nick Bastow Facilities Manager

The team inspected Leigh Infirmary, Whelley Hospital, Royal Albert & Edward Infirmary and Wrightington Hospital.

The team also had opportunity to sample hospital food in addition to a local survey being undertaken by the Hospital Catering Team to determine patient’s feedback on the food and food service. It was noted that Protected Meal Times has been introduced in the majority of ward areas however the Protected Meal Times Policy has been updated and approved by the Clinical Governance & Standards Board on 5th March 2008 following which a full re-launch will be implemented across all ward areas.

Summary Results

During the visit the Senior Peat Team completed the self-assessment forms as a group and agreed consensus on each standard criterion. Four Self-Assessment documents have been completed, one for each site visited. Whilst the NPSA will apply a scoring tool to calculate the final Trust Score, based on the inspection the WWL Senior PEAT recommend the following site-specific scores.

Leigh Infirmary – Good / Excellent
RAEI – Good / Excellent
Wrightington – Good / Excellent
Whelley – Acceptable / Good

Following the Trust PEAT Verification Inspection an action plan has been developed in response to issues noted, completion of the actions will be monitored via the Trust Strategic PEAT Team meetings.

Recommendation

Members of the Trust Board are requested to note that a PEAT Verification Inspection visit has been completed in line with NPSA requirements and to sign off the hospital sites results.

Gill Harris
Director of Nursing & Patient Services
7 March 2008