

Borders NHS Board



VALE OF LEVEN HOSPITAL INQUIRY REPORT UPDATE - JULY 2016

Aim

The aim of this paper is to update NHS Borders Board with the progress that has been made against the 65 health board recommendations in the Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry Report.

Background

Between January 2007 and December 2008, *C. difficile* infection was implicated in the death of 34 patients at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

On the 24th November 2014, the public inquiry report was published of the investigation into the occurrence of *C. difficile* infection at the Vale of Leven Hospital from 1 January 2007 onwards. The report included 65 recommendations for health boards.

From 2007/08 to 2015/16, NHS Borders has achieved a 78% reduction in *C. difficile* infections. This will continue to be monitored and reported to each Clinical Governance Committee. We are currently on trajectory to meet the 2016/2017 HEAT Target.

In 2015, the Scottish Government required all Boards to provide an update against the 65 recommendations. The Infection Prevention & Control Team collated responses on behalf of NHS Borders with support from colleagues across the organisation.

In August 2015, NHS Borders Board noted a paper which described NHS Borders compliance status against the 65 recommendations as shown in the table below:

Descriptor	Number of actions
Fully Implemented	56
Mostly Implemented	6
Partially Implemented	3
Not Started	0
TOTAL	65

An action plan was developed to ensure full compliance with all the recommendations.

Summary

The Infection Prevention & Control Team has monitored progress against the action plan liaising with colleagues across the organisation.

The current (as at July 2016) compliance status is shown in the table below:

Descriptor	Number of actions
Fully Implemented	64
Mostly Implemented	1
Partially Implemented	0
Not Started	0
TOTAL	65

Details of the one incomplete recommendation are in the table below which confirms that full compliance is expected by the end of August 2016:

RECOMMENDATION	CURRENT POSITION	WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE	TIMESCALE FOR COMPLETION
72. Health Boards should ensure that a non – executive Board Member or a representative from internal audit takes part in an Internal Investigation of the kind instigated by NHSGGC	<p>Non-executive Board Members fulfil a range of governance roles in NHS Borders.</p> <p>NHS Borders current Adverse Event Policy includes triggers to prompt an investigation.</p> <p>The Adverse Event Policy has been revised to include a specific reference to Non-</p>	The revised Adverse Event Policy will be submitted to the August 2016 meeting of the Clinical Executive Operation Group for formal approval.	August 2016

In 2016, NHS Borders instituted checking regimes for regular monitoring that systems and processes are operating as intended that directly relate to many of the Vale of Leven Inquiry Report recommendations.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to **note** this update.

Policy/Strategy Implications	To provide assurance of ongoing focus on the recommendations made in the Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry Report and assure the Board of the quality of patient care.
Consultation	There is no requirement for consultation.
Consultation with Professional Committees	As with all Board papers, this update will be shared with the Area Clinical Forum for information.
Risk Assessment	Due to significant progress already made against the outstanding action, the risk to the organisation in relation to

	implementation is low.
Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity	This is an update paper so a full impact assessment is not required.
Resource/Staffing Implications	There are no resource implications associated with this update.

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