

Board of Directors (Public) Item 5.3

Subject: Self-Declaration of Compliance with Specialised Service and Cancer Standards
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1.1, 1.2, 2.1	None

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to present a self-declared compliance assessment against the revised standards published by the Quality Surveillance Team on behalf of each Clinical Reference Group and the Cancer Peer Review process.

The Trust is able to report compliance with each and every standard. However, given the time available to make these assessments, the method is not wholly evidence based. An improved assurance system will be built across 2016/17 in readiness for implementation in 2017/18.

2. Background

Following the creation of the Clinical Reference Groups in 2012, each published a set of service standards that Trusts had to declare compliance with in July 2013. At that time, the Trust judged itself compliant with all by one standard that referred to nurse staffing levels required in the Interstitial Lung Disease service. This shortcoming has now been corrected. Since 2013, there has been no request to undertake any reassessments.

We have engaged with the cancer peer review process, and our services have historically been rated very well. This process bundles together the standards from peer review with specialised services into a single self-declaration process.

3. Issues

The Trust was invited to a briefing day in June 2016 that described in April 2015 the creation of the Quality Surveillance Team as a Specialised Commissioning Directorate within NHS England. This team now has responsibility for quality assurance of all specialised services and all cancer services irrespective of how they are commissioned.

The specialised service and cancer standards were briefly presented, and a web portal approach (the Quality Surveillance Information System – QSIS) to declaring compliance was demonstrated. In time, this portal will integrate together a variety of other presently disparate information sources

(e.g. national audit data, specialised service quality dashboards etc.) that inform users (providers, commissioners, other stakeholders) about the quality of specialised service delivery at the Trust. Self-declaration will be required from providers on indicators that do not have quantitative data. A peer review programme will be used to assess sub-optimally performing services, the results of which will be fed into NHS Improvement.

The timetable for self-declaration in 2016/17 is exceptionally tight; the deadline is 31st July 2016. At the time of writing, the QSI is still being built. The Trust does not yet have an evidence based assurance system that supports the standards each service should be working to. Consequently, the assessment for this year has had to be based upon the opinion of the triumvirates in the Divisions supported by basic information where it exists. As the process becomes clearer we will develop a more robust system to support future declarations.

For 2016/17, the following specialised and cancer services have been assessed and are presented below with the results of these assessments:

Service (Specialised / Cancer)	Results of Self-Assessment
Thoracic Surgery (B10/S/a) Cancer: Malignant Mesothelioma (Adult)	No issues identified
Cystic Fibrosis (A01/S/a): Adult	No issues identified
Complex Invasive Cardiology (A09/S/a): Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) and Cardiac Resynchronisation Therapy (CRT) (Adult)	No issues identified
Complex Invasive Cardiology (A09/S/b): Electrophysiology and Ablation Services (Adult)	No issues identified
Complex Invasive Cardiology (A09/S/c): Inherited Cardiac Conditions (All ages)	No issues identified
Complex Invasive Cardiology (A09/S/d: Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) (Adult)	No issues identified
Complex Invasive Cardiology (A09/S/e): Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Adult)	No issues identified
Cardiac Surgery (A10/S/a) (Adult)	No issues identified

Specialised Respiratory (A14/S/c): Interstitial Lung Disease (Adult)	No issues identified
Lung Cancer Quality Indicators	No issues identified

4. **Conclusions**

- The Trust has judged itself compliant with all specialised and cancer service standards.
- The process requires refinement through 2016/17 to become more evidence based.

5. **Recommendations**

The Board of Directors is asked to:

1. Ratify this self-declaration for submission to the Quality Surveillance Team.
2. Support the work necessary to design and implement an improved assurance system to support future self-declarations.