

Open and Honest Care at East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust : July 2019

This report is based on information from July 2019. The information is presented in three key categories: safety, experience and improvement. This report will also signpost you towards additional information about East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust's performance.

1. SAFETY

NHS 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 harms.

97.5% of patients did not experience any of the four harms whilst an in patient in our hospital

99.8% of patients did not experience any of the four harms whilst we were providing their care in the community setting

Overall 98.7% 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.

Patients in hospital setting	C.difficile	MRSA
This month	8	0
Trust Improvement target (year to date)	0	0
Actual to date	0	0

For more information please visit:

www.website.com

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 categories, with one being the least severe and four being the most severe. **The pressure ulcers reported include all avoidable pressure ulcers that were obtained at any time during a hospital admission that were not present on initial assessment.**

This month 2 Category 2 - Category 4 validated pressure ulcers were acquired during Acute hospital stay and 0 in the community.

Severity	Number of Pressure Ulcers in our Acute Hospital setting	Number of pressure ulcers in our Community setting
Category 2	2	0
Category 3	0	0
Category 4	0	0

In the hospital setting, so we know if we are improving even if the number of patients we are caring for goes up or down, we 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 1,000 bed days: 0.07 Hospital Setting

The pressure ulcer numbers include all pressure ulcers that occurred from hours after admission to this Trust

In the community setting we also calculate an average called 'rate per 10,000 CCG population'. This allows us to compare our improvement over time, but cannot be used to compare us with other community services as staff may report pressure ulcers in different ways, and patients may be more or less vulnerable to developing pressure ulcers than our patients. For example, our community may have younger or older patient populations, who are more or less mobile, or are undergoing treatment for different illnesses.

Rate per 10,000 Population: 0.00 Community

Falls

This measure includes all falls in the hospital that resulted in injury, categorised as moderate, severe or death, regardless of cause. **This includes avoidable and unavoidable falls sustained at any time during the hospital admission.** Falls within the community setting are not included in this report.

This month we reported 2 fall(s) that caused at least 'moderate' harm.

Severity	Number of falls
Moderate	2
Severe	0
Death	0

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2. EXPERIENCE

To measure patient and staff experience we ask a number of questions. 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.

The answers given are used to give a score which is the percentage of patients who responded that they would recommend our service to their friends and family.



Staff experience

Between July - September 2019 we asked 1339 staff in the Trust the following questions:

	% recommended
I would recommend this ward/unit as a place to work	76
I would recommend the standard of care on this ward/unit to a friend or relative if they needed treatment	83

Patient experience

The Friends and Family Test

The Friends and Family Test requires all patients, after discharge from hospital, to be asked: *How likely are you to recommend our ward to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment? We ask this question to patients who have been an in-patient and/or attended Accident & Emergency (A&E). Both scores (if applicable) are below;*

In-patient FFT % recommended *	99.13%	This is based on 2543 patients asked
A&E FFT % recommended*	84.27%	This is based on 2244 patients asked

We also asked 667 patients the following questions about their care in the hospital:

	Score	Score
Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in the decisions about your care and treatment?	95	
If you were concerned or anxious about anything while you were in hospital, did you find a member of staff to talk to?	96	
Were you given enough privacy when discussing your condition or treatment?	97	
During your stay were you treated with compassion by hospital staff?	99	
Did you always have access to the call bell when you needed it?	98	
Did you get the care you felt you required when you needed it most?	99	
How likely are you to recommend our ward/unit to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?	98	

We also asked 314 patients the following questions about their care in the community setting:

Were the staff respectful of your home and belongings?	99
Did the health professional you saw listen fully to what you had to say?	97
Did you agree your plan of care together?	97
Were you/your carer or family member involved decisions about your care and treatment as much as you wanted them to be?	98
Did you feel supported during the visit?	98
Do you feel staff treated you with kindness and empathy?	99
How likely are you to recommend this service to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?	99

A patient's story

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Fantastic Service! Please do pass on my comments!

I was transferred from Bolton a&e to Blackburn Royal for dental treatment as an emergency.

Within 24 hours I was in surgery to fix the situation. The doctors were very considerate and took time to explain and answer any and all questions and were very quick to reassure me about any concerns I had. I must say though my praise really goes out to the nurses!

They were so very attentive and offered to help in any way they could. The level of care I received from the staff on b14 and day case was phenomenal, I am needle phobic and they did their best to help me through all injections and blood test attempts (especially to the nurse I had at night and the agency nurse!)

They tried to keep me calm and always kept me in high spirits. They work so hard and work such long hours but are always so happy to help and clearly care for patients very much! Just wanted to say thank you to the hospital and all the staff I interacted with!

Please do pass on my comments because they really do deserve to be recognised for their fantastic work! Cheers guys!!

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

East Lancs Obstetrics Training 'Best in UK'

ELHT's Obstetrics and Gynaecology team has been recognised as the top training unit in the country for the obstetrics training it provides trainee doctors.

The accolade was awarded by the Royal College of Gynaecology's national training survey which saw the East Lancashire service based at the Lancashire Women and Newborn Centre in Burnley score top marks for general training in obstetrics.

Out of 166 NHS Trusts surveyed, ELHT is also rated very highly for professional development (5th nationally), general gynaecology training (15th) and overall recommendation (7th). Mrs Fiona Hamer, Consultant Obstetrician and Clinical Director for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, said: "Our team of consultants, midwives, nurses, secretaries, sonographers and support staff have pulled together to ensure that trainees have the best possible experience during their time with us. It is fantastic news that our trainees have consistently been so positive on how they benefit from this experience.

"We are keen to ensure trainees work in a supportive environment, have access to educational resources and are well supervised during their time with us. Our time invested in them is clearly well spent.

"I'm really proud of the team who all work so hard to provide the best learning experience we possibly can for all our junior doctors. Doctors want to come and work with us now thus offering improved care to our patients."

This is the third year in a row in which ELHT's obstetrics and gynaecology training has achieved top regional marks in the Survey, rising from 86.9 to 92.7 per cent in 2018 and going one better to achieve a superb 95.4 per cent approval rating in the 2019 survey.

In comparison to East Lancashire Hospitals, the next best obstetrics and gynaecology training in Lancashire is rated in 40th position in the survey.

Professor Damian Riley, Acting Chief Executive, said: "Our Trust is top in the UK for overall satisfaction and the best unit in Lancashire for overall training satisfaction which is a fantastic achievement. "Congratulations to the team - this is a testament to their hard work and passion and is well deserved."