

Report to Trust Board

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Agenda item no 8.1

Title: **Monthly Board Self-Certification Return**

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Purpose: ~~Strategy/ Decision / Ratification/ Assurance/Information~~
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Action required:

1. Review the reported performance for October 2010
2. Agree that Declaration 1 be signed in respect of September performance and submit to the Strategic Health Authority by the end of the month

Executive Summary:

The attached Governance Declarations and Financial and Governance Risk Rating returns detail performance against the SHA's indicator set for October 2010.

The Financial Risk Rating for October remained at 3, an Amber rating, which also applied to the 3 additional Monitor 'early warning' indicators to alert organisations to potential material financial risk in the future.

At the time of producing this report there were breaches in October 2010 against 1 of the non-financial ratings, in respect of MRSA screening of elective patients. The Trust's performance was 99% of elective patients were screened against a target of 100%. This position may improve as individual records are checked as part of the validation of performance. The position recorded here results in a score of 0.5 and a Green rating. As a result, Declaration 1 can be signed.

Board members should also be aware that the lead commissioner, NHS Bedfordshire, has continued to issue Performance Notices in respect of breaches of contractual targets. The Trust has received 8 notices in the current year: 3 for breaches of the 98% 4-hour A&E waiting time target in August, September and October 2010; 3 in respect of breaches in the 2-week breast symptomatic pathway standard; 1 in respect of 62-day cancer waiting times breaches and 1 in respect of diabetic retinopathy screening performance for Luton patients. It should be noted that the SHA's Governance return includes the national 95% revised Operating Framework requirement for A&E and does not specifically refer to the breast symptomatic pathway in the cancer waiting times performance targets.

Relevant CQC standard/ NHS Constitution pledge	Pledge 6 We will spend tax payers' money carefully. Essential standard 14 Assessing and monitoring the quality of service provision
Link to strategy/plans	Good financial performance, delivery of high quality services and management of risk are elements of the Trust's Integrated Business Plan and objectives for the year.
Impact assessment:	
- quality	Governance risk ratings indicate quality through measurement of service performance
- financial/business	Financial risk ratings demonstrate monthly financial performance and risks to achieving plan
- equality/diversity	N/A
- risk	The ratings templates and Board declaration provide evidence of risk being managed
- legal/statutory	SHA requires monthly returns as part of Provider Management regime
- sustainability	N/A
Previous consultation / decision / discussion	Quarterly returns made in 2007/08; monthly submission made in 2008/09 and 2009/10; monthly monitoring continuing in 2010/11

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