

Meeting:	Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Board of Directors
Date:	30th March 2015
Board Sponsor:	Chief Executive
Paper Author:	Director of Corporate Affairs
Subject:	TDA Self-Certification

Executive Summary

The Trust is required to provide a monthly self-certification to the NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA) with regard to:

- Monitor Licensing Requirements
- Trust Board Statements

The Trust is judged to be compliant with the Monitor Licensing Requirements.

The second part of the self-certification contains a number of Trust Board Statements.

Subject to approval by the Board, the Trust will report in January, non-compliance with three of the Board statements: two concern compliance with CQC standards, and the third, performance against the 4 hour A&E standard and RTT standards.

The Board will receive a report on progress with the CQC action plan and separate reports on emergency and unscheduled care and scheduled care.

Links to strategic objectives	Best and Safest Care ✓ High Performing ✓
Identified risks and risk management actions	The risks to compliance with CQC <i>Essential Quality and Safety Standards</i> are addressed through the CQC action plan. The risk to performance against the 4 hour performance standard is addressed through the action plan and reported in the performance dashboard.
Resource implications	Not applicable
Legal implications	Not applicable

Report history	A monthly report on TDA self-certification is made to the Board
Appendices	None

Action required by the Board
The Board is asked to approve the March declaration

Report to the Board of Directors, 30th March 2015 TDA Self-Certification

1. Introduction

The Trust is required to provide the following monthly self-certifications to the NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA):

- Monitor Licensing Requirements
- Trust Board Statements

2. Monitor Licensing Requirements

A Monitor licence for providers of NHS services became effective for Foundation Trusts from 1st April 2013 and becomes effective for other NHS providers from 1st April 2014.

The Monitor licence includes conditions grouped into the following sections comprising: general conditions; pricing, choice and competition; integrated care; continuity of services; NHS Foundation Trust conditions.

For the purposes of the TDA self-certification, the following 11 conditions apply:

1. Condition G4 – Fit and proper persons as Governors and Directors (also applicable to those performing equivalent or similar functions).
2. Condition G7 – Registration with the Care Quality Commission.
3. Condition G8 – Patient eligibility and selection criteria.
4. Condition P1 – Recording of information.
5. Condition P2 – Provision of information.
6. Condition P3 – Assurance report on submissions to Monitor.
7. Condition P4 – Compliance with the National Tariff.
8. Condition P5 – Constructive engagement concerning local tariff modifications.
9. Condition C1 – The right of patients to make choices.
10. Condition C2 – Competition oversight.
11. Condition IC1 – Provision of integrated care.

The Trust is asked to certify whether it is compliant, non-compliant, or at risk of non-compliance for each of the conditions. The Trust is judged to be compliant with the conditions above.

3. Trust Board Statements

The second part of the self-certification contains a number of Board Statements. The Trust is judged to be non-compliant for the following statements:

1. Clinical Quality

The board is satisfied that, to the best of its knowledge and using its own processes and having had regard to the TDA's oversight (supported by Care Quality Commission information, its own information on serious incidents, patterns of complaints, and including any further metrics it chooses to adopt), the trust has, and will keep in place, effective arrangements for the purpose of monitoring and continually improving the quality of healthcare provided to its patients

Non-compliance is based on the outcome of the Chief Inspector of Hospitals Inspection, which judged non-compliance with the CQC outcome (assessing and monitoring the quality of service provision – outcome 16) relevant to the statement above. The timeline for compliance is aligned with the action plan which has been submitted to CQC.

2. Clinical Quality

The board is satisfied that plans in place are sufficient to ensure on-going compliance with the Care Quality Commission's registration requirements.

Non-compliance is based on the outcome of Chief Inspector of Hospitals Inspection which judged non-compliance with outcomes 1, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 16. The timeline for compliance is aligned with the action plan which has been submitted to CQC.

10. Governance

The board is satisfied that plans in place are sufficient to ensure on-going compliance with all existing targets as set out in the relevant TDA quality and governance indicators and a commitment to comply with known targets going forwards.

Non-compliance is related to ED performance which is 84.5% in 2014/15 year to date; and performance against the RTT standards.

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