

## Open and Honest Care in your Local Hospital



The *Open and Honest Care: Driving Improvement* programme aims to support organisations to become more transparent and consistent in publishing safety, experience and improvement data; with the overall aim of improving care, practice and culture.

Report for:

**Bolton NHS Foundation Trust**

July 2019

# Open and Honest Care at Bolton NHS Foundation 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 Bolton NHS Foundation Trust's performance.

## 1. SAFETY

### NHS Safety thermometer

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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.

**98.9% of patients did not experience any of the four harms whilst an in patient in our hospital**

**97.2% of patients did not experience any of the four harms whilst we were providing their care in the community setting**

**Overall 98.1% 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)

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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
<b>This month</b>	7	1
<b>Trust Improvement target (year to date)</b>	32	0
<b>Actual to date</b>	19	1

For more information please visit:

[www.boltonft.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/hospital/infection-prevention-and-control/](http://www.boltonft.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/hospital/infection-prevention-and-control/)

## Pressure ulcers

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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/unavoidable pressure ulcers that were obtained at any time during a hospital admission that were not present on initial assessment.**

This month 1 Category 2 - Category 4 validated pressure ulcers were acquired during Acute hospital stay and 5 in the community.

Severity	Number of Pressure Ulcers in our Acute Hospital setting	Number of pressure ulcers in our Bolton Community Community setting
Category 2	1	5
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: 0.06 Hospital Setting

The pressure ulcer numbers include all pressure ulcers that occurred from 6 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: 0.17 Bolton Community

## Falls

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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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Rate per 1,000 bed days: 0.12

## 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.



### The Friends & Family Test

#### Patient experience

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#### 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;*

<b>In-patient</b> FFT score <sup>1</sup>	<b>96.1</b>	% recommended. This is based on 1417 patients asked
<b>A&amp;E</b> FFT score	<b>90.8</b>	% recommended. This is based on 1831 patients asked

<sup>1</sup> This result may have changed since publication, for the latest score please visit:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/friends-and-family-test/friends-and-family-test-data/>

Currently the Friends and Family Test is in development for community services, but we use similar questions to help us understand our patients' experience.

We also asked 220 patients the following questions about their care in the hospital:

	Score
Were you involved as much as you wanted to be in the decisions about your care and treatment?	91.0
If you were concerned or anxious about anything while you were in hospital, did you find a member of staff to talk to?	86.8
Were you given enough privacy when discussing your condition or treatment?	100.0
During your stay were you treated with compassion by hospital staff?	97.5
Did you always have access to the call bell when you needed it?	90.2
Did you get the care you felt you required when you needed it most?	96.8
How likely are you to recommend our ward/unit to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?	91.0

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

Were the staff respectful of your home and belongings?	100.0
Did the health professional you saw listen fully to what you had to say?	98.8
Did you agree your plan of care together?	95.3
Were you/your carer or family member involved decisions about your care and treatment as much as you wanted them to be?	97.6
Did you feel supported during the visit?	98.8
Do you feel staff treated you with kindness and empathy?	100.0
How likely are you to recommend this service to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?	100.0

## A patient's story

A female patient attended the plastics dressing clinic in July 2019. This is the story from the department of the patients visit.

On patients arrival her carer explained to the nurses that the patient has learning needs. We asked if there were any particular things we needed to do to meet her needs specifically. The patient and carer explained that the patient likes familiarity and as this was her first time in clinic this was difficult for her. We are aware that treating patients quickly can alleviate stress, however both nurses were with other patients at the time, so we asked if she would prefer to wait somewhere private but they said they would be fine in the waiting area. The patient was aware that the nurses would be with her as soon as they could.

However, after only a few minutes in the waiting area the patient became agitated moving around the waiting area. The staff tried to calm the patient and with her permission took her away from the waiting area with her carer into a room where she would see the nurse. The patient calmed a little but was still shouting and agitated, saying she wanted to go home. The nurse who was going to see her came into the room and calmly dealt with the situation by explaining everything she was going to do. She also listened to the patient and discovered that the patient's main concern was her hair, which was matted with blood, and she did not want her boyfriend to see her hair in such a mess. She said she had been told she could not wash her hair and this was upsetting her. The nurse therefore dressed her wounds and took time to wash her hair gently in areas that she could with a wet towel.

The patient could not thank the nurse enough, she kept hugging her and saying thank you. Not only did she leave the department happy but we arranged for her to see the same nurse for her next dressing change in the same room for each visit. This sometimes meant rearranging other clinics, but we wanted to meet this ladies individual need. Her following visits were calm and relaxed and her wound healed well with an overall excellent clinical outcome and positive patient experience.

### Net Promoter Score

I would recommend this service as a place to work	83.8
I would recommend the standard of care in this service to a friend or relative if they needed treatment	97.3
I am satisfied with the quality of care I give to the patients, carers and their families	94.6

## 3. IMPROVEMENT



## Supporting information

Within the organisation we have a process whereby all pressure ulcers (PU) and suspected deep tissue injury are reported and heard through a panel consisting of senior nurses, allied health professionals and risk and governance members.

The outcomes recorded at Harm Free Care Panel are for pressure ulcers that have occurred within our care and are as a result of lapses and no lapses in care. This is separated further as:

Hospital: Category 2 PU; 1 in total with all recorded as no lapses in care, There were no category 3 and Category 4 PUs reported.

Community: Category 2 PU; 5 in total with all recorded as no lapses in care. There were no category 3 and Category 4 PUs reported.

There have been 2 unpreventable falls in July resulting in harm.

