

## 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**

October 2016

# Open and Honest Care at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust : October 2016

This report is based on information from October 2016. 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.

**97.1% 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 97.2% 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>	5	1
<b>Trust Improvement target (year to date)</b>	19	0
<b>Actual to date</b>	22	4

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 4 Category 2 - Category 4 validated pressure ulcers were acquired during Acute hospital stay and 11 in the community.

Severity	Number of Pressure Ulcers in our Acute Hospital setting	Number of pressure ulcers in our Bolton Community setting
Category 2	4	7
Category 3	0	2
Category 4	0	2

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: 0.23 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: 0.37 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 1 fall(s) that caused at least 'moderate' harm.

Severity	Number of falls
Moderate	1
Severe	0
Death	0

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Rate per 1,000 bed days: 0.06

## 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>96.7</b>	% recommended. This is based on 1074 patients asked
<b>A&amp;E</b> FFT score	<b>82.7</b>	% recommended. This is based on 721 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 9 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?	100.0
If you were concerned or anxious about anything while you were in hospital, did you find a member of staff to talk to?	100.0
Were you given enough privacy when discussing your condition or treatment?	100.0
During your stay were you treated with compassion by hospital staff?	88.9
Did you always have access to the call bell when you needed it?	100.0
Did you get the care you felt you required when you needed it most?	100.0
How likely are you to recommend our ward/unit to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?	100.0

We also asked 60 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?	98.3
Did you agree your plan of care together?	96.7
Were you/your carer or family member involved decisions about your care and treatment as much as you wanted them to be?	96.6
Did you feel supported during the visit?	100.0
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

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## A patient's story

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The following comment was received by the Trust and posted within October 2016 on Patient Opinion. The posting was posted anonymously and unedited.

"hearing test service"

I have visited the audiology department today for an hearing test. I have been impressed with the quick and professional service that I underwent. I was seen with 10 minutes of my appointed time slot which is very acceptable. I was reluctant to attend the clinic as feared having further tests done, but the staff member I saw was very understanding and carried out the tests with efficiency and in a calm manner.

I do have to return however as I need bilateral hearing aids but I am not as concerned as I was before attending. Thank you for this service and the speed at which I was offered an appointment and also for having later appointments which means I do not need to have time off work to attend.

## Staff experience

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We asked 6 staff in the hospital the following questions:

	Net Promoter Score
I would recommend this ward/unit as a place to work	66.7
I would recommend the standard of care on this ward/unit to a friend or relative if they needed treatment	83.3
I am satisfied with the quality of care I give to the patients, carers and their families	83.3

We asked staff working in the community setting the following questions:

	Net Promoter Score
I would recommend this service as a place to work	91.3
I would recommend the standard of care in this service to a friend or relative if they needed treatment	100.0
I am satisfied with the quality of care I give to the patients, carers and their families	100.0

## 3. IMPROVEMENT

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

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The Service Manager, Mr Martin Anderson acknowledges the comments and explains that the service :

- Is responsive to new referrals and can accommodate seeing people within 2 days of referral for hearing assessments with a view to hearing provision. We also acknowledge that increasingly younger working people are accessing the service and in view of this we offer early morning and evening appointments as well as some on Saturday mornings to help with patients work commitments.
- All staff are sympathetic to the needs of the hearing impaired person, not just to the hearing loss but also the emotional and social burden that this places on them and their families and friends.
- We recognise that ease of access to the service once you are a hearing aid wearer is very important due to the isolation that hearing loss can create; as such not only do we offer a drop in repair service but we also have outreach sessions at 18 different locations across Bolton once monthly which brings care closer to home.

## Supporting information

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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; 4 in total with all recorded as lapses in care.

Community: Category 2 PU; 7 in total with 1 recorded as lapses in care and 6 with no lapses in care, Category 3 PU; 2 in total with 1 recorded as lapses in care and 1 with no lapses in care, Category 4 PU; 2 in total with 1 recorded as lapses in care and 1 with no lapses in care .

There was 1 fall within the organisation which resulted in harm as follows: one moderate harm (deemed at panel to identify lapses in care).

