
Guidelines and targets

National targets include:

- No more than two hospital-acquired MRSA bacteraemias
- No more than 41 cases of Clostridium difficile
- 93% of patients with symptoms of cancer seen within two weeks
- 31-day wait for subsequent cancer treatment
- 90% of patients receive treatment with 18 weeks from GP referral
- 95% of non-admitted patients receive treatment with 18 weeks from GP referral
- 85% of patients referred with suspected cancer treated within 62 days
- No more than 11 patients per week occupying an acute bed whose transfer of care was delayed
- 95% of A&E patients treated, admitted or discharged within four hours
- The Trust is one of 14 sites to pilot new emergency department standards from 22 May 2019 and therefore will be monitoring the four hour target internally (but not reporting externally) during this period

In addition, the Trust receives extra payments or incentives from local commissioners if we meet certain improvement goals – called CQUINS (Commissioning for Quality and Innovation). These change yearly and are also related to quality of care and patient experience for the treatment of conditions such as dementia and pressure ulcers.

Each month the board of directors hears how we are meeting these targets in the quality and performance report.