

TRUST BOARD

Date of Meeting: 25/6/2013	Agenda Item No: 6.4	Enclosure: 9
Intended Outcome:		
For noting	For information	For decision ✓
Title of Report: Independent Quality Governance Assurance		
Aims:		
To provide the Board with details of the final report from KPMG following the Quality Governance Assessment undertaken in May.		
Executive Summary:		
<p>KPMG were appointed to undertake an independent quality assurance assessment as part of Northumbria's application to Monitor to acquire North Cumbria. The assessment was undertaken in May and the final report is enclosed.</p> <p>The rating is 9.0 against the Trusts self-assessment of 4.0. The report explains the main difference between the self-assessment and the independent rating.</p> <p>KPMG recognised the systems and processes that had been put in place and that they should continue to be embedded over the next 6-9 months when a score equal to 3.5 or better would be a reasonable expectation.</p> <p>This work has started by the following key developments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trust Board agendas will include a patient story and today's patient story is from the Care of the Elderly team. Last month we talked about an improvement plan following a patient story in our emergency care and acute medical pathway 2. We have received an update today from the Clinical Business Unit Directors on the continued development of the clinical governance groups. 3. We are developing Board to Ward outcomes to ensure quality is embedded and recognised in the hearts and minds. <p>The actions were discussed at the Executive Team on Wednesday, 12 June and are being implemented. These actions will be included in the clinical & operational work-stream project plan and progress continue to be reported to the Trust Board at quarterly intervals.</p> <p>The most significant action is a development session on the escalation of risk and formal escalation processes. This is planned for Clinical Policy Group in July.</p>		

Specific implications and links to the Trust's Strategic Aims:	
We deliver excellent clinical outcomes along closely integrated pathways	✓
We provide excellent patient-centred services	
We deliver excellence in safety, quality and regulatory compliance	
We deliver efficient care and work within budgets	
Recommendations:	
<p>The Trust Board is asked to approve the revised rating for North Cumbria and the action plan to reduce the rating from 9.0 to 3.5 or less no later than March 2014.</p>	
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