

Application for registration with the Care Quality Commission in relation to healthcare associated infection

Part 1: Details for registration.

Name of trust: **North Tees And Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust**

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(For all electronic communication with respect to this application)

Part 2: Statement of Compliance with the proposed requirement for the regulation of regulated activities relating to health care associated infections (HCAI) that will, subject to Parliamentary approval, come into force on 1 April 2009.

Requirement: A service provider in respect of carrying on of a regulated activity must, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure that patients, healthcare workers and others who may be at risk of acquiring a healthcare associated infection, are protected against identifiable risks of acquiring such an infection by the means specified in the regulations.

Statement: The trust considers it is, and will continue to be, in compliance with this requirement that will, subject to parliamentary approval, come into force on 1 April 2009.

- Compliant** **Not Compliant**

Part 3: Statement on whether the criteria set out in the Code of Practice about compliance with the regulation on HCAs are being, and will continue to be, met.

(The supporting guidance to the Code of Practice illustrates how each of these criteria may be reliably met. Declaration of an improvement plan to strengthen systems of compliance will not necessarily be reflected in conditions being imposed on registration: this will be reserved for cases where it is considered there is a need for action to address a significant risk of the registration requirement being breached.)

Criterion 1: The trust has in place and operates effective management systems for the prevention and control of HCAI that are informed by risk assessments and analysis of infection incidents
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Criterion 2: The trust provides and maintains a clean and appropriate environment that facilitates the prevention and control of HCAI
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Criterion 3: The trust provides suitable and sufficient information on HCAI to patients and the public and to other service providers when patients move to the care of another healthcare or social care provider
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Criterion 4: The trust ensures patients presenting with an infection or who acquire an infection during care are identified promptly and receive appropriate management and treatment to reduce the risk of transmission
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Criterion 5: The trust gains the co-operation of staff, contractors and others involved in the provision of healthcare in preventing and controlling infection
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Criterion 6: The trust provides or can secure adequate isolation facilities
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Criterion 7: The trust secures adequate access to laboratory support
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Criterion 8: The trust has, and adheres to, appropriate policies and protocols for the prevention and control of HCAI
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Criterion 9: The trust ensures, so far as is reasonably practicable, that healthcare workers are free of and are protected from exposure to communicable infections during the course of their work, and that all staff are suitably educated in the prevention and control of HCAI

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Part 4: Supplementary Information to support this application.

Trusts may wish to record here significant information that provides additional evidence that the requirement to protect patients, healthcare workers and others from identifiable risks of acquiring an HCAI are, and will continue to be, met. This should include confirmation whether any planned action to address non-compliance in the Core Standards Declaration for 2007/08 regarding C4a, C4c and C21 has been completed, or will be by 31 March 2009. It may also include a brief comment on how well targets on the reduction of HCAI, as appropriate, are being met.

North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust is hosting the PCT provider services for a 17-month period from 1st November 2008. This application for registration is submitted in relation to services across both the primary and secondary care provider services. Please note that PCT premises are owned and maintained by the PCTs and cleaning services remain largely the responsibility of the PCTs. As the hosting organisation providing services from those premises, we accept a responsibility to monitor and provide assurance that the premises are appropriately maintained and cleaned by the PCTs. Our Trust action plan shows the process and assurances that we have sought from the PCT and that we will be continuing to oversee during the hosting period.

Action plans are monitored monthly by the HCAI Action Group and quarterly by the Clinical Governance Committee. The Trust Board receive monthly updates on progress against HCAI improvement and the executive team hear all RCA investigation reports and offer support where required.

The unannounced visit by the Healthcare Commission in April 2008 found that the trust did not achieve compliance with Core Duty 4 with no material breach of the Code. All recommendations were carried out within two weeks, with the exception of a kitchen refurbishment programme which is now underway.

The trust declared itself compliant with Core Standards C4a, C4c and C21 for 2007/8 and can demonstrate a significant reduction in both MRSA bacteraemia and Clostridium difficile rates and streamins within trajectory for both, i.e:

MRSA bacteraemia 2007/8 = 28 cases, 2008/9 to date = 11 cases (trajectory to date = 13)

C difficile 2007/8 = 210 cases, 2008/9 to date 110 cases (trajectory to date = 150)

The trust is able to demonstrate consistent review and improvement in the overall level of compliance. This will continue to be driven this as a top priority in line with trust corporate objectives for services that we manage across both primary and secondary provider arms.

Part 5: Indication of willingness to receive notices by electronic communication.

The trust is willing to receive notices with respect to this application for registration by electronic communication to the email address provided in Part 1.

(This will include any notice of proposals and the notice of decision provided by ss 26 & 28 of the 2008 Act)

Part 6: Electronic sign off by the trust chief executive.

This application has been considered by the trust board and has been formally agreed by it prior to my sign off.

Name of chief executive:

Mr Alan Foster

Signature of chief executive 

Date of chief executive sign-off... *2 February 2009*

Name of person completing the electronic form:

Mrs Sue Smith

It is an offence under section 37 of the 2008 Act to make a statement that is false or misleading in a material aspect in an application form

Please ensure that the form does not contain any confidential information about patients or staff.

