Health & Wellbeing Board 26th August 2015

Care Quality Commission (CQC) visit to The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust 23rd to 27th February 2015. Report date of publication: 14th July 2015

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Purpose:
The purpose of this report is to advise the Health and Wellbeing Board on:
1. The findings of the CQC’s inspection visit to The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT).
2. The steps to be taken by Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to review and monitor TRFT’s progress against their CQC action plan.

Background:
The Care Quality Commission’s Quality Report on The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust was published on 14 July 2015 and is based on their findings from an inspection visit undertaken between 23 and 27 February 2015.
The Trust achieved an overall rating of ‘requires improvement’ with the ratings for main services being as follows:
- Urgent and emergency services - requires improvement
- Medical care – requires improvement
- Surgery – requires improvement
- Critical care – requires improvement
- Maternity and gynaecology – requires improvement
- Services for children and young people – inadequate
- End of life care – good
- Outpatients and diagnostic imaging – good

The Trust has agreed an action plan to address the findings and recommendations of the CQC Quality Report.

Governance

The role of Rotherham CCG is to provide assurance that TRFT delivers against their agreed action plan and implements all required changes to ensure compliance with the CQC’s recommendations.
The CCG will monitor compliance via monthly Contract Quality meetings which are attended by senior TRFT personnel including their Chief Operating Officer, the Medical Director and Director of Nursing, together with Senior CCG personnel including Senior Contracts Manager, Chief Nurse, GP lead and Head of Clinical Quality.
It was agreed at the Contract Quality Meeting held on 22 July 2015 that TRFT will present their CQC Action Plan to the CCG at August’s Contract Quality Meeting on 19 August 2015.

TRFT’s CQC Action Plan will be a standing agenda item at future Contract Quality meetings. TRFT’s progress against the action plan will continue to be reviewed and monitored via the Contract Quality Group meetings until all TRFT’s actions have been satisfactorily completed.

Any items of escalation/concerns Rotherham CCG Contract Quality meeting representatives may have about TRFT’s progress against their CQC action plan will be escalated to the Strategic Commissioning Group (which meets six monthly) and more expediently to CCG Executive to TRFT Executive meetings and through CCG governance structures up to Governing Body level as appropriate.

Rotherham CCG will continue to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on TRFT’s progress against plan until all TRFT’s actions have been satisfactorily completed.

Summary

This report summarises the findings of the Care Quality Commission’s Quality Report on The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust and seeks to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with assurance as to how Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group will review and monitor TRFT’s progress against their CQC Action Plan.

The CCG will continue to monitor compliance via monthly Contract Quality meetings. Any concerns about TRFT’s failure to implement the required changes in a timely manner will be escalated to Rotherham CCG’s Operational Executive to be taken up with TRFT’s Board.

Rotherham CCG will provide regular updates on TRFT’s progress against plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- Note the arrangements for Rotherham CCG to provide assurance that TRFT implement changes based upon the findings of the Care Quality Commission.
- Note that Rotherham CCG will provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with regular updates on TRFT’s progress against plan.