

Time to Treatment in A&E [HQU13]

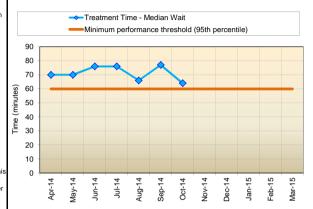
Description of data Time from arrival to start of definitive treatment from a decision-making clinician someone who can define the management plan and discharge the patient).

## Key messages

Time to the start of treatment should be minimised but not at the expense of other A&F Clinical Quality Indicators Expert clinical opinion suggests that patients should be seen by a decision-maker within 60 minutes of arrival, but this may be too long for the more serious cases The earlier the correct management plan is made the better for the patient; a wait of over 30 minutes is excessive for certain

presentations, e.g., sepsis, stroke, myocardial infarction, respiratory distress. A median above 60 minutes from arrival to seeing a decision-making clinician across all patients may trigger intervention as this

ndicators included as a headline measure under national oversight to assess organisational and system health in the NHS Operating Framework for 2011/12.



Site performance against national benchmarks and performance thresholds)

Description of Performance

64 Median this month

60 Target

Data quality

Narrative Following triage any patient requiring urgent attention would be prioritised and seen by an appropriate clinician. The time to be seen by a decision making clinician for patients who do not require immediate or urgent attention can be affected by the number of urgent cases, complexity of other cases in the department at the time, peaks in activity, lack of available cubicles to review patients due to limited number of rooms available, depletion of medical staffing as they cross cover for the wards/ theatre. We continue to triage appropriately and expediate urgent cases that require immediate attention. Limited facilities will be addressed in our plans to relocate the ER to a larger location in October 2014 with improved environment/ increase in facilities. management case to base a Consultant Nurse in the ER at times of predicted higher activity has been approved, although unplanned leave has delayed implementation this is still the intention

Service experience

What have we done to understand and assess the experience of our patients from JULY2014- OCTOBER 2014

 Nursing quality indicators are now embedded and monthly patient queestionnaires are undertaken and we plan to display results in the department. Display boards are now in place in the department to share feedback. These results will be monitored and reported to the Trust Plans- Action Plans will be generated by the department Manager and the ER team to address any deficits

Friends and Family questions are being asked and results are now available and published for ER.We are actively promoting feedback and have also been using a text reminder with a link to the survey. Social media, twitter is also being used to encourage our patients to give feedback about the ER Services. A text reminder is also being introduced

• Formal and informal issues raised through Complaints and PALS have been used to understand and assess the experience of patients attending the Emergency Room, patients are invited to board meeting to share their experiences

Patient Stories continue to be shared with the Board and departmental staff and we working closely with patients whom are sharing their experiences recordings of patients experiences are with consent being utilised to widen opportunities to learn from feedback

•NICE quideline on the management of early pregnancy have been released and the organistion has assessed compliance an action plan has been developed and a new policy that reflect the changes has been written and is due to launch in December 2014

What were results of these assessments?

•Facilities not always availbale when needed

Waiting times too long

Uncomfortable seating

Communication

 Staff attitude/ Customer care •Waiting times for scans / inability to offer one stop scan

Reception privacy and confidentiality

What has been done to improve services in light of these results?

•Identified funding for additional nurses to be trained in scanning and working with colleagues in ultrasound to mentor nursing staff in early pregnancy scanning, Two additional members of our team have completed competencies and another member has commenced training

NICE guidelines for the management of miscarriage have been assessed to understand compliance levels- Action plan to address non compliance

•Establishe d emergency follow up clinics for patient with pregnancy of unknown location, offering consistent approach with continuity and senior clinical presence

Introduction of quality indicators that incorporate specific feedback relating to service experience, thus developing an ongoing feedback mechanism for patients. Displayed within department and disseminated to team member

•Relocation t to a new ly developed Emergency department. Designs and furnishes have been istalled taking feedback from patients into consideration

. Local quality meeting is ensuring robsut cascading of information, promoting opportunities to learn lessons

•Use of Gibbs Reflective Model- a tool for nurses to utilise to learn from feedback, challenges staff to review the impact they have had

Has this resulted in improved patient experience?

Local ownership, department managers have increased involvement in problem solving and have ability to influence service provision at the point of

Flexible use of additional rooms/ resources.

Meanigful measurements in place, enabling benchmarking across Trust and Month on Month performance

Point of care testing aiiding prompt diagnosis and treatment

systems and processes in place to address feedback.

Department relocation, investment in facilities, new reception area with privacy area, increased rooms, improved waiting area and accessibility to refreshments/facilities

## **Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust** Accident & Emergency Department Clinical Quality Indicators Overview This dashboard presents a comprehensive and balanced view of the care delivered by our A&E department, and reflects the experience and safety of our patients and the effectiveness of the care they receive. These indicators will support patient expectations of high quality A&E services and allow our department to demonstrate our ambition to deliver consistently excellent services which are continuously improving. **General Information** LIVERPOOL WOMEN'S NHS FOUNDATION TRUST - A&E site name and organization code Type 2 (Specialist) A&E site type Havley McCabe, Ext 4213 Contact details for further information October 2014 - The time period the data in the dashboard relate to Summary of performance - October 2014 Consultant Sign-off Treatment Total time in A&E Initial Assessment 95% of patients not requiring admission to hospital waited under 194 minutes from NOT APPLICABLE TO OUR 95% of patients 95% of patients arrival to departure (threshold 240 On average, patients TRUST waited under 13 waited under 195 minutes) waited 64 minutes minutes from arrival minutes from arrival from arrival to Patient to initial assessment to departure treatment (threshold arrives at A&E (threshold 15 (threshold 240 60 minutes) 95% of patients who needed admission to minutes) minutes) hospital waited under 210 minutes from **Ambulatory Care** arrival to departure (threshold 240 minutes) Left without being seen Legend NOT APPLICABLE TO OUR Successfully meets performance threshold TRUST 2 559% of Re-attendance attendances this Does not meet threshold month left the department before 0% of attendances being seen (threshold this month were 5%) unplanned reattendances (threshold 5%) Service Experience A greater emphasis on sharing the experiences of our patients has ensured that both the departmental staff and excutive board are able to hear our patients experiences of using the gynaecology room emergency service. In sharing their experiences, patients have enabled the whole team to reflect and prioritise actions to improve the patient experience. Trust representatives are also working closely with collegues in primary care, to combine efforts to provide a more seamless service.

High volumes of telephone calls have been identified as an issue and we are commencing a new call handling service to improve the experience of those whom contact us for telephone advice, this will also assist departmental staff, and their time will be dedicated to direct care.

N.B. Information on Service Experience and Ambulatory Care are collected on a quarterly basis; information on Consultant Sign Off is collected on a six-monthly basis

For further information on performance for individual indicators, please view the

main dashboard