West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS
NHS Trust

Agenda Item 106/11

Meeting:	Trust Board
Date:	Thursday 28 July 2011
Report Title:	Serious Incident (SI) Summary Report (as at 19th July 2011)
Presented by:	Colin Johnston (Medical Director, Director of Patient Safety)

Summary:

- Since June 2011, 9 Serious Incident (SI) cases have been declared to the PCT of which 3 are Never Events:

  - SI19055 Complaints loss of confidential information by email
  - SI19079 Wrong Site Discectomy **(Declared as NEVER EVENT)**
  - SI19320 Absconded AAU Patient
  - SI19187 HA Grade 3 Pressure Ulcer
  - SI19580 Pulmonary Embolism (VTE) Death
  - SI19857 Retained Surgical Tampon **(Declared as NEVER EVENT)**
  - SI19512 A&E Incorrect Death Coding Error
  - SI19353 Retained Seasorb Swab
  - SI18711 Retained Tampon Following Instrumental Delivery **(Declared as NEVER EVENT)**

- **42** SI cases are progressing through various stages of investigation (See Table 1). Of these:

  - 2 are from 2009/10, 26 from 2010/11 and 14 for 2011/12
  - 2 SIs investigations are being lead by the PCT (SI11/001 and SI16334)
  - 12 SIs below were signed off and closed by the PCT in June 2011

    1. SI9612 Diathermy Burn
    2. SI44760 stillbirth in Dec 2009
    3. IR4493/SI5897 UCC Inappropriate Discharge
    4. SI13804 ICU WGH Grade 3 Pressure Ulcer
    5. SI13909 AAU WGH Grade 4 Pressure Ulcer
    6. SI12091 Financial Abuse/Misconduct
    7. SI14462 Loss of GP referral letters
    8. SI14816 Loss of Staff RA Forms
    9. SI15145 WGH Grade 3 Pressure Ulcer
    10. SI6323 Pressure Ulcers
    11. SI12320 (51492) Croxley Patient Abuse
    12. SI13174 NG Tube

Some SIs require the submission of evidence of action plan implementation once the actions have been complete.

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