

# West Hertfordshire NHS Trust - Governance Declaration – July 2008

## 2008 / 09 In year Reporting

Name of Organisation: **West Hertfordshire NHS Trust**

### Organisational risk rating score

Each organisation is required to calculate their risk score and RAG rate their current performance as per the 2008/9 Provider Management Regime, in addition to providing comment with regard to any contractual issues and performance against projected HCC targets:

Key Area for rating / comment by Provider	Score / RAG rating
Governance Risk Rating (RAG as per East of England Provider Management Regime guidance)	
Financial Risk Rating (Assign number as per East of England PMR guidance)	4
Contractual Position (RAG as per East of England PMR guidance)	
2008/9 Quality Rating (RAG as per East of England PMR guidance based on in year forecast)	

### Governance Declarations

EofE Organisations subject to the Provider Management Regime must ensure that plans in place are sufficient to ensure compliance in relation to all national targets and core standards including ongoing compliance with the *Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections* and declare any contractual issues and highlight any material changes to the 2008/9 HCC forecast. No supporting detail is required unless compliance cannot be confirmed.

Please complete sign **one** of the two declarations below. If you sign declaration 2, provide supporting detail using the form below. Signature may be either hand written or electronic, however please be sure to print your name.

#### Governance declaration 1

The board is satisfied that plans in place **are sufficient** to ensure ongoing compliance with all existing targets (after the application of thresholds) and national core standards and with all known targets going forward. The board is satisfied that plans in place are sufficient to ensure ongoing compliance with the *Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections* (including the Hygiene Code). The board also confirms that there are no material contractual disputes and that it is on track to deliver the projected HCC rating.

**Please see declaration 2.**

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## Governance declaration 2

For Governance, Finance, Service Provision, Quality and Safety or the *Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections* the Board cannot make Declaration 1 and has provided relevant details below.

The board is satisfied that plans in place **are sufficient** to ensure ongoing compliance with all other existing targets (after the application of thresholds) and national core standards and with all known targets going forward. The board also confirms that there are no material contractual disputes and that it is on track to deliver the projected HCC rating.

(Signed by)

(Please Print Name) **Jan Filochowski**

on behalf of the Board of Directors

Acting in capacity as **Chief Executive**

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### If Declaration 2 has been signed:

Please identify which targets have led to the Board being unable to sign declaration 1. For **each area such as Governance, Finance, Service Provision or HCC rating forecast (including as relevant national targets or core standards)** please state the reason for being unable to sign the declaration, and explain briefly what steps are being taken to resolve the issue. Please provide an appropriate level of detail.

### Target / Core Standard:

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#### Governance & 2008/09 Healthcare Commission 2008/09 Annual Health Check forecast

#### **Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections (including the Hygiene Code).**

We are fully compliant with the Hygiene Code, with the exception of Section 4.

The action plan is attached.



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#### **Core standards compliance**

**As at July 2008 we are non compliant on two core standards – C4c, C20a.**

#### **Core standard C4c: All reusable medical devices are properly decontaminated prior to use and the risks associated with decontamination facilities & processes are well managed (Decontamination)**

We are currently finalising our project plans, which will detail when we will become compliant with core standard C4c.

- There are 4 projects, which require completion in order to be able to declare compliance – three under the remit of West Hertfordshire NHS Trust planning and one under the remit of a consortium approach.
  - Trust led -
    - Endoscopy - business case approved July08, project completion date being finalised.
    - ENT – business case to be presented for internal approval Aug08, project completion date being finalised.
    - Microbiology – business case to be presented for internal approval Aug08, project completion date being finalised.
  - Consortium led -
    - We are part of a sector consortium project, which is currently ongoing to deliver a decontamination centre, with a project completion date of Dec09.

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**We are planning to become compliant in C4c by December 2009.**

**Core standard C20a – A safe & secure environment that promotes care & optimises health outcomes (Health & Safety)**

- The Trust has now achieved 100% compliance with H&S workplace assessments being carried out in accordance with the H&S at Work Act 1974.
- We will ensure that by April 2009 we have implemented outstanding recommendations arising from Health & Safety Executive inspections.

**We are planning to become compliant on C20a by April 2009.**