
**INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CARE PROVIDED BY MID-STAFFORDSHIRE
NHS FOUNDATION TRUST ('THE FRANCIS INQUIRY')**

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Background

On 24 February 2010, the results of the Independent Inquiry into care provided by Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust January 2005/March 2009 Chaired by Robert Francis QC, were published.

The Inquiry report spans two volumes. The first volume extends to 452 pages and is arranged in the following sections:-

- The patient experience;
- The culture of the Trust;
- The experiences and perceptions of staff;
- The management of significant issues;
- Governance;
- The Board;
- Mortality statistics;
- External organisations;
- Conclusions and recommendations.

The second volume sets out written and oral evidence presented to the Inquiry from patients and/or their families and carers. This volume extends to 363 pages.

Action to date

A copy of the Executive Summary of the Inquiry was circulated to Trust Board members shortly after the date of publication and a hard copy of volume 1 made available to all Board members and either collected from the office or couriered with the normal papers for committees or Boards

At its meeting on 10 March, The Executive team confirmed that they will ensure that the whole organisation is made aware of the implications of the report. In addition, it will be discussed at:

- Divisional meetings,
- Ward meetings,
- Clinical audit days
- Medical Staffing Committee (MSC).

There will be links put on the Trust intranet site and copies made available in Trust offices and the Trust library.

The Trust already has a good culture of care and it is important that this is sustained and any learning from this inquiry is embedded in that culture

Timetable

A full discussion with the Board is planned for the April 29 development session and a further report on this subject will be made to the Trust Board meeting on 27 May 2010.

Conclusions

The Trust Board is asked to note the content and action for further discussion in April and to receive a more detailed paper at the May Board.

Jan Filochowski
Chief Executive
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