

SELF-CERTIFICATION RETURNS
Organisation Name:
Solent NHS Trust
Monitoring Period:
July 2012
NHS Trust Over-sight self certification template

Returns to SHA by the last working day of each

TFA Progress

Jun-12

Solent NHS Trust

Select the Performance from the drop-down list

TFA Milestone (All including those delivered)		Milestone Date	Performance	Comments where milestones are not delivered or where a risk to delivery has been identified
1	First draft IBP and LTFM	Jun-11	Fully achieved in time	
2	Complete Shadow Historical Due Diligence	Aug-11	Fully achieved in time	
3	Executive to Executive	Jul-11	Fully achieved in time	
4	Estate Asset Transfer confirmed	Sep-11	Will not be delivered on time	Original planned transfer Sept-11. Revised milestone on track to deliver 31 st March 2013 due to delay nationally
5	Board to Board	Nov-11	Fully achieved in time	
6	Board Observation	Sep-11	Fully achieved in time	
7	Second Draft of IBP and LTFM	Oct-11	Fully achieved in time	
8	Confirm delivery of 2011/12 financial plan, CIP delivery, performance against national targets	May-12	Fully achieved in time	
9	Third draft of IBP and LTFM	Mar-12	Fully achieved in time	
10	Historical Due Diligence Part 1	Apr-12	Fully achieved in time	
11	Final Draft of IBP/LTFM	Mar-12	Fully achieved but late	Draft sent 11th June. on track to deliver 10 September 2012
12	Commissioner support confirmed	Jun-12	Fully achieved in time	
13	Historical Due Diligence Part 2	Jul-12	Will not be delivered on time	Now scheduled August
14	Public consultation to complete	Jun-12	Fully achieved in time	
15	Q1 Performance and Financial Review: 2012/13 Financial Plan on Track, CIP trajectory delivered, service performance on track	Jul-12	Fully achieved in time	
16	Board to Board	Jul-12	Fully achieved in time	

NHS Trust Governance Declarations : 2012/13 In-Year Reporting

Name of Organisation:	Solent NHS Trust	Period:	July 2012
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Organisational risk rating

Each organisation is required to calculate their risk score and RAG rate their current performance, in addition to providing comment with regard to any contractual issues and compliance with CQC essential standards:

Key Area for rating / comment by Provider	Score / RAG rating*
Governance Risk Rating (RAG as per SOM guidance)	G
Financial Risk Rating (Assign number as per SOM guidance)	2
Contractual Position (RAG as per SOM guidance)	G

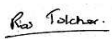
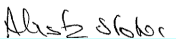
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Governance Declarations

NHS Trusts must ensure that plans in place are sufficient to ensure compliance in relation to all national targets and including ongoing compliance with the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, CQC Essential standards and declare any contractual issues.

Supporting detail is required where 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, you are required to print your name.

Governance declaration 1			
The Board is satisfied that plans in place are sufficient to ensure continuing compliance with all existing targets (after the application of thresholds), 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) and CQC Essential standards. The board also confirms that there are no material contractual disputes.			
Signed by:		Print Name:	Ros Tolcher
on behalf of the Trust Board	Acting in capacity as:	Chief Executive	
Signed by:		Print Name:	Alistair Stokes
on behalf of the Trust Board	Acting in capacity as:	Trust Chair	

Governance declaration 2			
For one or some of the following declarations Governance, Finance, Service Provision, Quality and Safety, CQC essential standards 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 suggesting that at the current time there is insufficient assurance available to ensure continuing compliance with all existing targets (after the application of thresholds) and/or that it may have material contractual disputes.			
Signed by :		Print Name :	
on behalf of the Trust Board	Acting in capacity as:		
Signed by :		Print Name :	
on behalf of the Trust Board	Acting in capacity as:		

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, Contractual, CQC Essential Standards, where the board is declaring insufficient assurance 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/Standard:	
The Issue :	
Action :	
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The Issue :	
Action :	

FINANCIAL RISK RATING

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Insert the Score (1-5) Achieved for each Criteria Per Month

Criteria	Indicator	Weight	Risk Ratings					Reported Position		Normalised Position*		Comments where target not achieved
			5	4	3	2	1	Year to Date	Forecast Outturn	Year to Date	Forecast Outturn	
Underlying performance	EBITDA margin %	25%	11	9	5	1	<1	1	2	1	2	
Achievement of plan	EBITDA achieved %	10%	100	85	70	50	<50	4	5	4	5	
Financial efficiency	Net return after financing %	20%	>3	2	-0.5	-5	<-5	3	5	3	5	
	I&E surplus margin %	20%	3	2	1	-2	<-2	2	2	2	2	
Liquidity	Liquid ratio days	25%	60	25	15	10	<10	4	4	4	4	
Weighted Average		100%						2.7	3.4	2.7	3.4	
Overriding rules								2	3	2	3	
Overall rating								2	3	2	3	

Overriding Rules :

Max Rating	Rule				
3	Plan not submitted on time	No			
3	Plan not submitted complete and correct	No			
2	PDC dividend not paid in full	No			
2	One Financial Criterion at "1"		2	2	
3	One Financial Criterion at "2"			3	3
1	Two Financial Criteria at "1"				
2	Two Financial Criteria at "2"				

* Trust should detail the normalising adjustments made to calculate this rating within the comments box.

FINANCIAL RISK TRIGGERS

Solent NHS Trust

Insert "Yes" / "No" Assessment for the Month

	Criteria	Historic Data			Current Data				Comments where risks are triggered
		Qtr to Dec-11	Qtr to Mar-12	Qtr to Jun-12	Jul 12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Qtr to Sep-12	
1	Unplanned decrease in EBITDA margin in two consecutive quarters	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
2	Quarterly self-certification by trust that the financial risk rating (FRR) may be less than 3 in the next 12 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	FRR less than 3 due to lack of estate reduces EBITDA margin invokes overriding rules
3	Working capital facility (WCF) agreement includes default clause								N/A
4	Debtors > 90 days past due account for more than 5% of total debtor balances	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	£1m debt with PCT > 90 days paid in August 2012
5	Creditors > 90 days past due account for more than 5% of total creditor balances	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	
6	Two or more changes in Finance Director in a twelve month period	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
7	Interim Finance Director in place over more than one quarter end	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
8	Quarter end cash balance <10 days of operating expenses	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
9	Capital expenditure < 75% of plan for the year to date	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	

CONTRACTUAL DATA

Solent NHS Trust

Insert "Yes" / "No" Assessment for the Month

Criteria	Historic Data			Current Data				Comments where reds are triggered
	Qtr to Dec-11	Qtr to Mar-12	Qtr to Jun-12	Jul 12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Qtr to Sep-12	
Are the prior year contracts* closed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Are all current year contracts* agreed and signed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Are both the NHS Trust and commissioner fulfilling the terms of the contract?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Are there any disputes over the terms of the contract?	No	No	No	No			No	
Might the dispute require SHA intervention or arbitration?	No	No	No	No			No	
Are the parties already in arbitration?	No	No	No	No			No	
Have any performance notices been issued?	Yes	No	Yes	No			No	Q3 2011 - Performance notice issued by NHSPC in terms of breaching RAP on deliery of Chlamydia Screening Programme. Target achieved by year-end. Q1 2012 - Performance notice issued by SHIP - late submission of Service Level Agreement baseline review. RAP agreed and in place; all timescales currently being met
Have any penalties been applied?	No	No	No	No			No	

QUALITY

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Insert Performance in Month

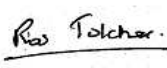
Criteria	Unit	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Comments on Performance in Month	
1	SHMI - latest data	Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
2	Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Screening	%					100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	100%	100%	<p>Solent has not collected the VTE data as a percentage of all admissions as there is no electronic system in place to enable this on the wards. A monthly snapshot of all admission is undertaken to audit when VTE assessment was achieved</p> <p>Further assurance is provided through the routine pharmacist ward visits which happen daily (mon-fri) and all new patients have their medicines reconciled and their VTE assessment checked by the ward pharmacist. Patients transferred from the acute Trust have a VTE assessment on transfer, which are used until the ward doctor is available on the next working day.</p>	
3a	Elective MRSA Screening	%	87	87	87	87	87	87	84	84	84	84	84		
3b	Non Elective MRSA Screening	%	87	87	87	87	87	87	84	84	84	84	84		
4	Single Sex Accommodation Breaches	Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5	Open Serious Incidents Requiring Investigation (SIRI)	Number	5	9	3	6	3	2	3	5	7	5	3	11	SIRI raised by month
6	"Never Events" in month	Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7	CQC Conditions or Warning Notices	Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8	Open Central Alert System (CAS) Alerts	Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	None outstanding their deadlines
9	RED rated areas on your maternity dashboard?	Number	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10	Falls resulting in severe injury or death	Number	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	In Solent Care / moderate and above
11	Grade 3 or 4 pressure ulcers	Number	3	0	2	4	0	6	6	5	7	8	11	5	In Solent Care
12	100% compliance with WHO surgical checklist	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
13	Formal complaints received	Number	36	30	40	39	28	42	41	51	48	47	53	41	
14	Agency as a % of Employee Benefit Expenditure	%	10.00%	9.90%	10%	9.90%	10.10%	10.30%	10.40%	10.40%	8.30%	7.90%	7.80%	8.30%	
15	Sickness absence rate	%	3.50%	3.80%	4.00%	4.00%	3.90%	3.90%	4.00%	3.70%	3.60%	3.80%	3.20%	3.70%	
16	Consultants which, at their last appraisal, had fully completed their previous years PDP	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	The Trust has recently commenced collating and reporting consultant appraisal information. However, the information that we have is not currently sufficiently detailed to report our performance

Board Statements

Solent NHS Trust

July 2012

For each statement, the Board is asked to confirm the following:

For CLINICAL QUALITY, that:		Response
1	The Board is satisfied that, to the best of its knowledge and using its own processes and having had regard to the SHA's Provider Management Regime (supported by Care Quality Commission information, its own information on serious incidents, patterns of complaints, and including any further metrics it chooses to adopt), the trust has, and will keep in place, effective arrangements for the purpose of monitoring and continually improving the quality of healthcare provided to its patients.	Yes
2	The board is satisfied that plans in place are sufficient to ensure ongoing compliance with the Care Quality Commission's	Yes
3	The board is satisfied that processes and procedures are in place to ensure all medical practitioners providing care on behalf of the trust have met the relevant registration and revalidation requirements.	Yes
For FINANCE, that:		Response
4	The board anticipates that the trust will continue to maintain a financial risk rating of at least 3 over the next 12 months.	No
5	The board is satisfied that the trust shall at all times remain a going concern, as defined by relevant accounting standards in force from time to time.	Yes
For GOVERNANCE, that:		Response
6	The board will ensure that the trust remains at all times compliant with has regard to the NHS Constitution.	Yes
7	All current key risks have been identified (raised either internally or by external audit and assessment bodies) and addressed – or there are appropriate action plans in place to address the issues – in a timely manner.	Yes
8	The board has considered all likely future risks and has reviewed appropriate evidence regarding the level of severity, likelihood of it occurring and the plans for mitigation of these risks.	Yes
9	The necessary planning, performance management and corporate and clinical risk management processes and mitigation plans are in place to deliver the annual operating plan, including that all audit committee recommendations accepted by the board are implemented satisfactorily.	Yes
10	An Annual Governance Statement is in place, and the trust is compliant with the risk management and assurance framework requirements that support the Statement pursuant to the most up to date guidance from HM Treasury (www.hm-treasury.gov.uk).	Yes
11	The board is satisfied that plans in place are sufficient to ensure ongoing compliance with all existing targets (after the application of thresholds) as set out in the relevant GRR; and a commitment to comply with all known targets going forwards.	Yes
12	The trust has achieved a minimum of Level 2 performance against the requirements of the Information Governance Toolkit.	No
13	The board will ensure that the trust will at all times operate effectively. This includes maintaining its register of interests, ensuring that there are no material conflicts of interest in the board of directors; and that all board positions are filled, or plans are in place to fill any vacancies.	Yes
14	The board is satisfied that all executive and non-executive directors have the appropriate qualifications, experience and skills to discharge their functions effectively, including setting strategy, monitoring and managing performance and risks, and ensuring management capacity and capability.	Yes
15	The board is satisfied that: the management team has the capacity, capability and experience necessary to deliver the annual operating plan; and the management structure in place is adequate to deliver the annual operating plan.	Yes
Signed on behalf of the Trust:		Date
CEO		30.08.12
Chair		30.08.12

Notes

Ref	Indicator	Details
Thresholds		The SHA will not utilize a general rounding principle when considering compliance with these targets and standards, e.g. a performance of 94.5% will be considered as failing to achieve a 95% target. However, exceptional cases may be considered on an individual basis, taking into account issues such as low activity or thresholds that have little or no tolerance against the target, e.g. those set between 99-100%.
1a	Data Completeness: Community Services	Data completeness levels for trusts commissioned to provide community services, using Community Information Data Set (CIDS) definitions, to consist of: - Referral to treatment times – consultant-led treatment in hospitals and Allied Healthcare Professional-led treatments in the community; - Community treatment activity – referrals; and - Community treatment activity – care contact activity. While failure against any threshold will score 1.0, the overall impact will be capped at 1.0. Failure of the same measure for three quarters will result in a red-rating. Numerator: all data in the denominator actually captured by the trust electronically (not solely CIDS-specified systems). Denominator: all activity data required by CIDS.
1b	Data Completeness Community Services (further data):	The inclusion of this data collection in addition to Monitor's indicators (until the Compliance Framework is changed) is in order for the SHA to track the Trust's action plan to produce such data. This data excludes a weighting, and therefore does not currently impact on the Trust's governance risk rating.
1c	Mental Health MDS	Patient identity data completeness metrics (from MHMDS) to consist of: - NHS number; - Date of birth; - Postcode (normal residence); - Current gender; - Registered General Medical Practice organisation code; and - Commissioner organisation code. Numerator: count of valid entries for each data item above. (For details of how data items are classified as VALID please refer to the data quality constructions available on the Information Centre's website: www.ic.nhs.uk/services/mhmds/dq) Denominator: total number of entries.
1d	Mental Health: CPA	Outcomes for patients on Care Programme Approach: • Employment status: Numerator: the number of adults in the denominator whose employment status is known at the time of their most recent assessment, formal review or other multi-disciplinary care planning meeting, in a financial year. Include only those whose assessments or reviews were carried out during the reference period. The reference period is the last 12 months working back from the end of the reported month. Denominator: the total number of adults (aged 18-69) who have received secondary mental health services and who were on the CPA at any point during the reported month. • Accommodation status: Numerator: the number of adults in the denominator whose accommodation status (i.e. settled or non-settled accommodation) is known at the time of their most recent assessment, formal review or other multi-disciplinary care planning meeting. Include only those whose assessments or reviews were carried out during the reference period. The reference period is the last 12 months working back from the end of the reported month. Denominator: the total number of adults (aged 18-69) who have received secondary mental health services and who were on the CPA at any point during the reported month. • Having a Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS) assessment in the past 12 months: Numerator: The number of adults in the denominator who have had at least one HoNOS assessment in the past 12 months. Denominator: The total number of adults who have received secondary mental health services and who were on the CPA during the reference period.
2a-c	RTT	Performance is measured on an aggregate (rather than specialty) basis and trusts are required to meet the threshold on a monthly basis. Consequently, any failure in one month is considered to be a quarterly failure. Failure in any month of a quarter following two quarters' failure of the same measure represents a third successive quarter failure and should be reported via the exception reporting process. Will apply to consultant-led admitted, non-admitted and incomplete pathways provided. While failure against any threshold will score 1.0, the overall impact will be capped at 2.0. The measures apply to acute patients whether in an acute or community setting. Where a trust with existing acute facilities acquires a community hospital, performance will be assessed on a combined basis. The SHA will take account of breaches of the referral to treatment target in 2011/12 when considering consecutive failures of the referral to treatment target in 2012/13. For example, if a trust fails the 2011/12 admitted patients target at quarter 4 and the 2012/13 admitted patients target in quarters 1 and 2, it will be considered to have breached for three quarters in a row.
2d	Learning Disabilities: Access to healthcare	Meeting the six criteria for meeting the needs of people with a learning disability, based on recommendations set out in Healthcare for All (DH, 2008): a) Does the trust have a mechanism in place to identify and flag patients with learning disabilities and protocols that ensure that pathways of care are reasonably adjusted to meet the health needs of these patients? b) Does the trust provide readily available and comprehensible information to patients with learning disabilities about the following criteria: - treatment options; - complaints procedures; and - appointments? c) Does the trust have protocols in place to provide suitable support for family carers who support patients with learning disabilities? d) Does the trust have protocols in place to routinely include training on providing healthcare to patients with learning disabilities for all staff? e) Does the trust have protocols in place to encourage representation of people with learning disabilities and their family carers? f) Does the trust have protocols in place to regularly audit its practices for patients with learning disabilities and to demonstrate the findings in routine public reports? Note: trust boards are required to certify that their trusts meet requirements a) to f) above at the annual plan stage and in each month. Failure to do so will result in the application of the service performance score for this indicator.
3a	Cancer: 31 day wait	31-day wait: measured from cancer treatment period start date to treatment start date. Failure against any threshold represents a failure against the overall target. The target will not apply to trusts having five cases or less in a quarter. The SHA will not score trusts failing individual cancer thresholds but only reporting a single patient breach over the quarter.. Will apply to any community providers providing the specific cancer treatment pathways
3b	Cancer: 62 day wait	62-day wait: measured from day of receipt of referral to treatment start date. This includes referrals from screening service and other consultants. Failure against either threshold represents a failure against the overall target. The target will not apply to trusts having five cases or less in a quarter. The SHA will not score trusts failing individual cancer thresholds but only reporting a single patient breach over the quarter. Will apply to any community providers providing the specific cancer treatment pathways. National guidance states that for patients referred from one provider to another, breaches of this target are automatically shared and treated on a 50:50 basis. These breaches may be reallocated in full back to the referring organisation(s) provided the SHA receive evidence of written agreement to do so between the relevant providers (signed by both Chief Executives) in place at the time the trust makes its monthly declaration to the SHA. In the absence of any locally-agreed contractual arrangements, the SHA encourages trusts to work with other providers to reach a local system-wide agreement on the allocation of cancer target breaches to ensure that patients are treated in a timely manner. Once an agreement of this nature has been reached, the SHA will consider applying the terms of the agreement to trusts party to the arrangement.
3c	Cancer	Measured from decision to treat to first definitive treatment. The target will not apply to trusts having five cases or fewer in a quarter. The SHA will not score trusts failing individual cancer thresholds but only reporting a single patient breach over the quarter. Will apply to any community providers providing the specific cancer treatment pathways.

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Ref	Indicator	Details
3d	Cancer	<p>Measured from day of receipt of referral – existing standard (includes referrals from general dental practitioners and any primary care professional). Failure against either threshold represents a failure against the overall target. The target will not apply to trusts having five cases or fewer in a quarter. The SHA will not score trusts failing individual cancer thresholds but only reporting a single patient breach over the quarter. Will apply to any community providers providing the specific cancer treatment pathways.</p> <p>Specific guidance and documentation concerning cancer waiting targets can be found at: http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nhais/cancerwaiting/documentation</p>
3e	A&E	<p>Waiting time is assessed on a site basis: no activity from off-site partner organisations should be included. The 4-hour waiting time indicator will apply to minor injury units/walk in centres.</p>
3f	Mental	<p>7-day follow up: Numerator: the number of people under adult mental illness specialties on CPA who were followed up (either by face-to-face contact or by phone discussion) within seven days of discharge from psychiatric inpatient care. Denominator: the total number of people under adult mental illness specialties on CPA who were discharged from psychiatric inpatient care.</p> <p>All patients discharged to their place of residence, care home, residential accommodation, or to non-psychiatric care must be followed up within seven days of discharge. Where a patient has been transferred to prison, contact should be made via the prison in-reach team.</p> <p>Exemptions from both the numerator and the denominator of the indicator include: - patients who die within seven days of discharge; - where legal precedence has forced the removal of a patient from the country; or - patients discharged to another NHS psychiatric inpatient ward.</p> <p>For 12 month review (from Mental Health Minimum Data Set): Numerator: the number of adults in the denominator who have had at least one formal review in the last 12 months. Denominator: the total number of adults who have received secondary mental health services during the reporting period (month) who had spent at least 12 months on CPA (by the end of the reporting period OR when their time on CPA ended).</p> <p>For full details of the changes to the CPA process, please see the implementation guidance Refocusing the Care Programme Approach on the Department of Health's website.</p>
3g	Mental Health: DTOC	<p>Numerator: the number of non-acute patients (aged 18 and over on admission) per day under consultant and non-consultant-led care whose transfer of care was delayed during the month. For example, one patient delayed for five days counts as five. Denominator: the total number of occupied bed days (consultant-led and non-consultant-led) during the month.</p> <p>Delayed transfers of care attributable to social care services are included.</p>
3h	Mental Health: I/P and CRHT	<p>This indicator applies only to admissions to the foundation trust's mental health psychiatric inpatient care. The following cases can be excluded: - planned admissions for psychiatric care from specialist units; - internal transfers of service users between wards in a trust and transfers from other trusts; - patients recalled on Community Treatment Orders; or - patients on leave under Section 17 of the Mental Health Act 1983.</p> <p>The indicator applies to users of working age (16-65) only, unless otherwise contracted. An admission has been gate-kept by a crisis resolution team if they have assessed the service user before admission and if they were involved in the decision-making process, which resulted in admission.</p> <p>For full details of the features of gate-keeping, please see Guidance Statement on Fidelity and Best Practice for Crisis Services on the Department of Health's website. As set out in this guidance, the crisis resolution home treatment team should: a) provide a mobile 24 hour, seven days a week response to requests for assessments; b) be actively involved in all requests for admission: for the avoidance of doubt, 'actively involved' requires face-to-face contact unless it can be demonstrated that face-to-face contact was not appropriate or possible. For each case where face-to-face contact is deemed inappropriate, a declaration that the face-to-face contact was not the most appropriate action from a clinical perspective will be required; c) be notified of all pending Mental Health Act assessments; d) be assessing all these cases before admission happens; and e) be central to the decision making process in conjunction with the rest of the multidisciplinary team.</p>
3i	Mental Health	<p>Monthly performance against commissioner contract. Threshold represents a minimum level of performance against contract performance, rounded down.</p>
3j-k	Ambulance Cat A	<p>For patients with immediately life-threatening conditions.</p> <p>The Operating Framework for 2012-13 requires all Ambulance Trusts to reach 75 per cent of urgent cases, Category A patients, within 8 minutes. From 1 June 2012, Category A cases will be split into Red 1 and Red 2 calls: • Red 1 calls are patients who are suffering cardiac arrest, are unconscious or who have stopped breathing. • Red 2 calls are serious cases, but are not ones where up to 60 additional seconds will affect a patient's outcome, for example diabetic episodes and fits.</p> <p>Ambulance Trusts will be required to improve their performance to show they can reach 80 per cent of Red 1 calls within 8 minutes by April 2013.</p>
4a	C.Diff	<p>Will apply to any inpatient facility with a centrally set C. difficile objective. Where a trust with existing acute facilities acquires a community hospital, the combined objective will be an aggregate of the two organisations' separate objectives. Both avoidable and unavoidable cases of C. difficile will be taken into account for regulatory purposes.</p> <p>Where there is no objective (i.e. if a mental health trust without a C. difficile objective acquires a community provider without an allocated C. difficile objective) we will not apply a C. difficile score to the trust's governance risk rating.</p> <p>Monitor's annual de minimis limit for cases of C. difficile is set at 12. However, Monitor may consider scoring cases of <12 if the Health Protection Agency indicates multiple outbreaks. Where the number of cases is less than or equal to the de minimis limit, no formal regulatory action (including scoring in the governance risk rating) will be taken.</p> <p>If a trust exceeds the de minimis limit, but remains within the in-year trajectory for the national objective, no score will be applied. If a trust exceeds both the de minimis limit and the in-year trajectory for the national objective, a score will apply. If a trust exceeds its national objective above the de minimis limit, the SHA will apply a red rating and consider the trust for escalation.</p> <p>If the Health Protection Agency indicates that the C. difficile target is exceeded due to multiple outbreaks, while still below the de minimis, the SHA may apply a score.</p>
4b	MRSA	<p>Will apply to any inpatient facility with a centrally set MRSA objective. Where a trust with existing acute facilities acquires a community hospital, the combined objective will be an aggregate of the two organisations' separate objectives.</p> <p>Those trusts that are not in the best performing quartile for MRSA should deliver performance that is at least in line with the MRSA objective target figures calculated for them by the Department of Health. We expect those trusts without a centrally calculated MRSA objective as a result of being in the best performing quartile to agree an MRSA target for 2012/13 that at least maintains existing performance.</p> <p>Where there is no objective (i.e. if a mental health trust without an MRSA objective acquires a community provider without an allocated MRSA objective) we will not apply an MRSA score to the trust's governance risk rating.</p> <p>Monitor's annual de minimis limit for cases of MRSA is set at 6. Where the number of cases is less than or equal to the de minimis limit, no formal regulatory action (including scoring in the governance risk rating) will be taken.</p> <p>If a trust exceeds the de minimis limit, but remains within the in-year trajectory for the national objective, no score will be applied. If a trust exceeds both the de minimis limit and the in-year trajectory for the national objective, a score will apply. If a trust exceeds its national objective above the de minimis limit, the SHA will apply a red rating and consider the trust for escalation.</p>