

Care Quality Commission

Inspection Evidence Table

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Overall rating: Good

Please note: Any Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) data relates to 2017/18.

We carried out this announced focussed inspection on 22 May 2019. We had previously carried out announced comprehensive inspections on 26 July 2016 and 15 March 2018. At the time of the inspection of 15 March 2018 the service was rated as good. It was rated as requires improvement for the well led domain and good in all other areas.

The areas where we said that the provider must make improvement were:

- Establish effective systems and processes to ensure good governance in accordance with the fundamental standards of care.

At the inspection on 2 May 2019 we found that these areas had been addressed by the practice which is now rated as good in all areas.

Well-led

Rating: Good

We carried out this announced comprehensive inspection on 22 May 2019. We had previously carried out announced comprehensive inspection on 26 July 2016 and 15 March 2018. At the time of the inspection of 15 March 2018 the service was rated requires improvement for the well led domain.

We found the following:

The registered person had systems or processes in place that were operating ineffectively in that they failed to enable the registered person to assess, monitor and mitigate the risks relating to the health, safety and welfare of service users and others who may be at risk. In particular:

The decision to not conduct an enhanced DBS for chaperones had not been formally risk assessed.

Not all clinical staff had received annual basic life support training, including assessment of practical skills.

The assessment of the risk of, and arrangements to preventing, detecting and controlling the spread of, infections, including those that are health care associated were not comprehensive, as specification for curtain cleaning was not documented.

The provider had not assessed whether staff had the qualifications, competence, skills and experience to perform all of their roles safely and effectively.

The registered person had systems or processes in place that were operating ineffectively in that they failed to enable the registered person to ensure that accurate, complete and contemporaneous records were being maintained securely in respect of each service user. In particular:

Full recruitment checks (and risk assessments where evidence was not available) had not been documented.

There was additional evidence of poor governance. In particular:

The complaints policy was not being followed consistently.

These areas were found to have been addressed at the inspection of 22 May 2019.

Leadership capacity and capability

There was compassionate, inclusive and effective leadership at all levels

	Y/N/Partial
Leaders demonstrated that they understood the challenges to quality and sustainability.	Y
They had identified the actions necessary to address these challenges.	Y
Staff reported that leaders were visible and approachable.	Y

There was a leadership development programme, including a succession plan.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The practice had developed and acted on a comprehensive action plan following the last CQC inspection. 	

Vision and strategy

The practice had a clear vision and credible strategy to provide high quality sustainable care.

	Y/N/Partial
The practice had a clear vision and set of values that prioritised quality and sustainability.	Y
There was a realistic strategy to achieve their priorities.	Y
The vision, values and strategy were developed in collaboration with staff, patients and external partners.	Y
Staff knew and understood the vision, values and strategy and their role in achieving them.	Y
Progress against delivery of the strategy was monitored.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	

Culture

The practice had a culture which drove high quality sustainable care.

	Y/N/Partial
There were arrangements to deal with any behaviour inconsistent with the vision and values.	Y
Staff reported that they felt able to raise concerns without fear of retribution.	Y
There was a strong emphasis on the safety and well-being of staff.	Y
There were systems to ensure compliance with the requirements of the duty of candour.	Y
The practice's speaking up policies were in line with the NHS Improvement Raising Concerns (Whistleblowing) Policy.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provider was aware of and had systems to ensure compliance with the requirements of the duty of candour. This was included in policies and protocols where relevant. 	

Governance arrangements

There were clear responsibilities, roles and systems of accountability to support good governance and management.

	Y/N/Partial
There were governance structures and systems which were regularly reviewed.	Y
Staff were clear about their roles and responsibilities.	Y
There were appropriate governance arrangements with third parties.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical meetings were in place at the practice. These meetings were minuted and significant events, safeguarding and complaints were standing items on the agenda. At the previous inspection, there were insufficient governance systems in place to ensure safe practice. At this inspection we saw that governance systems were in place to ensure that safe care could be delivered. This included ensuring that all staff were trained and that they had received enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. We also saw that appropriate infection control processes were in place and that the complaints process was being followed. The practice had reviewed its policies and they were compliant with guidelines. 	

Managing risks, issues and performance

There were clear and effective processes for managing risks, issues and performance.

	Y/N/Partial
There were comprehensive assurance systems which were regularly reviewed and improved.	Y
There were processes to manage performance.	Y
There was a systematic programme of clinical and internal audit.	Y
There were effective arrangements for identifying, managing and mitigating risks.	Y
A major incident plan was in place.	Y
Staff were trained in preparation for major incidents.	Y
When considering service developments or changes, the impact on quality and sustainability was assessed.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	

Appropriate and accurate information

There was a demonstrated commitment to using data and information proactively to drive and support decision making.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff used data to adjust and improve performance.	Y
Performance information was used to hold staff and management to account.	Y
Our inspection indicated that information was accurate, valid, reliable and timely.	Y
There were effective arrangements for identifying, managing and mitigating risks.	Y
Staff whose responsibilities included making statutory notifications understood what this entails.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice submitted data or notifications to external organisations as required. • There were arrangements in line with data security standards for the availability, integrity and confidentiality of patient identifiable data, records and data management systems. The practice showed that they had learned from incidents in this regard. 	

Engagement with patients, the public, staff and external partners

The practice involved the public, staff and external partners to sustain high quality and sustainable care.

	Y/N/Partial
Patient views were acted on to improve services and culture.	Y
Staff views were reflected in the planning and delivery of services.	Y
The practice worked with stakeholders to build a shared view of challenges and of the needs of the population.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The service had a well established patient participation group which organised educational events for patients in conjunction with other groups in the area.	

Continuous improvement and innovation

There were systems and processes for learning, continuous improvement and innovation.

	Y/N/Partial
There was a strong focus on continuous learning and improvement.	Y
Learning was shared effectively and used to make improvements.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	

Examples of continuous learning and improvement

- The practice had developed and acted on a thorough and clear action plan following the last CQC inspection. They were able to demonstrate improvement in all areas in which CQC had said they required improvement.

Notes: CQC GP Insight

GP Insight assesses a practice's data against all the other practices in England. We assess relative performance for the majority of indicators using a "z-score" (this tells us the number of standard deviations from the mean the data point is), giving us a statistical measurement of a practice's performance in relation to the England average. We highlight practices which significantly vary from the England average (in either a positive or negative direction). We consider that z-scores which are higher than +2 or lower than -2 are at significant levels, warranting further enquiry. Using this technique we can be 95% confident that the practice's performance is genuinely different from the average. It is important to note that a number of factors can affect the Z score for a practice, for example a small denominator or the distribution of the data. This means that there will be cases where a practice's data looks quite different to the average, but still shows as no statistical variation, as we do not have enough confidence that the difference is genuine. There may also be cases where a practice's data looks similar across two indicators, but they are in different variation bands.

The percentage of practices which show variation depends on the distribution of the data for each indicator, but is typically around 10-15% of practices. The practices which are not showing significant statistical variation are labelled as no statistical variation to other practices.

N.B. Not all indicators in the evidence table are part of the GP insight set and those that aren't will not have a variation band.

The following language is used for showing variation:

Variation Bands	Z-score threshold
Significant variation (positive)	≤ -3
Variation (positive)	> -3 and ≤ -2
Tending towards variation (positive)	> -2 and ≤ -1.5
No statistical variation	< 1.5 and > -1.5
Tending towards variation (negative)	≥ 1.5 and < 2
Variation (negative)	≥ 2 and < 3
Significant variation (negative)	≥ 3

Note: for the following indicators the variation bands are different:

- Child Immunisation indicators. These are scored against the World Health Organisation target of 95% rather than the England average.
- The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to how easy it was to get through to someone at their GP practice on the phone uses a rules based approach for scoring, due to the distribution of the data. This indicator does not have a CCG average.

It is important to note that z-scores are not a judgement in themselves, but will prompt further enquiry, as part of our ongoing monitoring of GP practices.

Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on GP Insight can be found on the following link:
<https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/gps/how-we-monitor-gp-practices>

Glossary of terms used in the data.

- **COPD:** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- **PHE:** Public Health England
- **QOF:** Quality and Outcomes Framework
- **STAR-PU:** Specific Therapeutic Group Age-sex weightings Related Prescribing Units. These weighting allow more accurate and meaningful comparisons within a specific therapeutic group by taking into account the types of people who will be receiving that treatment.