

Trust Board Report

Meeting Date:	25 June 2012
Title:	7 Day Working- Update
Executive Summary:	Following the report on 7 day working presented to the Trust Board in April 2012, this report provides a summary of progress to date with respect to implementation
Action Requested:	To note
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Resource Implications:	
Public or Private: (with reasons if private)	Public Session
References: (eg from/to other committees)	
Appendices/ References/ Background Reading	Trust Board report: April 2012
NHS Constitution: (How it impacts on any decision-making)	<p>In determining this matter, the Board should have regard to the Core principles contained in the Constitution of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Equality of treatment and access to services ✚ High standards of excellence and professionalism ✚ Service user preferences ✚ Cross community working ✚ Best Value ✚ Accountability through local influence and scrutiny

Background Details

The proposal to develop and implement 7 day working across the Medical Specialties at New Cross Hospital to ensure quality and safety of service provision to medical in-patients over the weekend was accepted and approved by the Trust Board in April 2012.

Following approval of the report and proposal there was considerable media interest in this development, with articles being published in the local newspapers, and local and regional radio stations devoting "airtime" to the topic. More recently, an article on 7 day working in Wolverhampton was published in the Health Service Journal (HSJ May 31st)

The following is a summary of which medical specialties currently provide a 7 day service and the timescales for implementation for those that will be undertaking this following additional consultant staff being appointed and taking up post.

Acute medicine

Acute Physicians cover EAU/EAW. They will commence 7 day working when 5 WTE consultants are in post (currently there are 4 WTE in post). There is no routine weekend working yet. If a locum consultant can be appointed then 7 day working can commence. Otherwise we will need to await a substantive appointment. The job description is currently with the RCP advisor awaiting approval. Following approval the post will be advertised and candidates interviewed.

Likely timescale to implementation: 6 months. Alternative options (locums/middle grades) are being explored.

Care of Elderly

Care of the Elderly physicians cover D7, D8 and D22. Currently, 2 substantive WTE and 1 locum consultant are in place. An additional 3 WTE consultants are required to implement 7 day working. Interviews for the 1st of 3 substantive posts are to take place imminently.

Weekend working is unlikely to take place before the autumn of 2012 but hopefully before the end of 2012 depending on appointments.

Diabetes

Diabetes covers D16. The consultants have been doing weekend working since January 2012 with 5 WTE consultants. The 6th has recently been appointed and will take up post in approximately 3 months. Diabetes in-reach has commenced already but this will be better supported when the 6th starts.

Gastroenterology

Gastroenterology covers D18. Commenced 7 day working and providing an emergency endoscopy rota in March 2011. They also provide an in reach service.

Haematology

Currently provide 7 day working and in-reach.

Oncology

Weekend ward rounds since earlier in 2012. In addition oncology also provides an emergency weekend radiotherapy consultant delivered service with a named person available every weekend since earlier this year.

Renal

Renal covers D15 (renal) and D17 (medical). Already provides 7 day working for renal cover and a 7 day in reach service.

With the appointment of the 8th WTE (taking up post September 2012) 7 day working will cover D17 medical patients as well and provide an acute kidney injury AKI service across the Trust including AKI for surgical patients.

Respiratory

Respiratory covers D19 and D20. They are currently at 6 consultants (5 substantive plus 1 locum) but the 6th substantive is already appointed (start date is approximately 3 months). With an additional 3 sessions from an ITU consultant and a 7th colleague (yet to be appointed) full 7 day service will commence. Weekday (Mon-Friday) respiratory in reach, community working and "hot clinic" have already started.

Date of starting full 7 day working is uncertain.

Stroke

Stroke covers the acute stroke unit. Currently there are 2 substantive WTE consultants and 1 locum WTE consultant in post. An additional locum consultant is to start later in June 2012. The 3rd substantive WTE has been appointed with a view to starting in November 2012. Weekend TIA clinics have been up and running for some time as has 7 day stroke thrombolysis. When the locum starts later this month there will be weekend ward rounds to provide full 7 day working.