

MRSA Screening – Statement of Compliance

Leicestershire Partnership Trust takes responsibility for the prevention and management of infection very seriously.

The Department of Health has recognised that the majority of people admitted to mental health trusts should not be routinely screened for MRSA because there is no evidence of significant risk of MRSA infection. However it is recognised that certain patients will have other clinical conditions that may put them at risk of MRSA infection and they should be screened for this reason.

I can confirm that all patients, whether admitted on an elective or emergency basis, will be risk assessed against the criteria set by the Department of Health to identify if they have an additional clinical condition that warrants MRSA screening. Those patients who are identified as requiring MRSA screening, who are to be admitted on a planned basis, will have screening undertaken previous to admission to hospital. Those patients who are admitted on an emergency basis will have MRSA screening if required as soon as practicable on admission. This means that the Trust has been compliant with the target to introduce MRSA screening for elective service users from 1 April 2009 and is compliant with MRSA screening of emergency admissions from 1 December 2010.

Leicestershire Partnership Trust has put systems and procedures in place to check the effectiveness of its MRSA screening arrangements and to demonstrate compliance with the policy on MRSA screening. These procedures are designed to assure the Trust's Board of Directors and the people who use our services that all patients who require MRSA screening have this screening and that any treatment required is provided.

Our aim is to ensure that patients', their families and the wider communities we serve feel reassured by the positive steps we have taken to provide safe and effective healthcare. If you have any questions about our MRSA screening policy or wider arrangements in Leicestershire Partnership Trust for the prevention and management of infection, please contact the Infection Prevention and Control Team on 0116 2951668.



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