

Table 5 – audits demonstrating significant non-compliance with standards audited 23/24 (N=20)

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CLINICAL SUPPORT – PATHOLOGY & RADIOLOGY AND THERAPIES		
No.	Audit Title	Recommendations - actions
5530	An assessment of practice when performing x-rays on ITU and HDU on newly acquired mattresses with X-ray detector pouch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that practice will not be changed when undertaking portable x-rays in ITU and HDU with the new mattress. The imaging detector should be placed directly under the patient's back, as before and the x-ray pouch is not to be used due to the inherent risk that it poses. The audit report was sent to Hillrom as they were keen to receive feedback
5424	Radiological guidance for the recognition and reporting of osteoporotic Vertebral Fragility Fractures (VFF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The audit results were presented to raise awareness within the radiology team of the template on PACS to use when needed. An email was sent to outsourcing company to give feedback on Royal College of Radiologist (RCR) guidance.
SURGERY - ANAESTHETICS, THEATRES & CRITICAL CARE		
No.	Audit Title	Recommendations - actions
5646	Pruritus after Intrathecal Opioids - Audit 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All anaesthetists have been reminded regarding the management of pruritus in the presentation of this audit.
5317	Women who require obstetric anaesthetic referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An MDT (obstetricians, midwives and anaesthetists) approach has been adopted in improving the antenatal referral system.
SURGERY - HEAD, NECK AND OPHTHALMOLOGY		
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5639	Delay to treatment in orthodontics referral for dento-alveolar procedures since post COVID pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to introduce tabletop MDT clinics to allow patient assessment virtually. The planned new elective hub will increase capacity and improve waiting times.
5552	Orthodontic Improvement project: clinic utilisation audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booking guidance for orthodontic patients has been created and shared. A new receptionist has been recruited to ensure that the reception desk is always covered.
5153	Cochlear Implant Referral Criteria Audit (CIRCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiology have added a section in the notes template for severe-profound hearing loss patients within the hearing therapy and complex hotkey to promote and record CI discussion during appointments if appropriate. The BAA service quality committee resource "its time to talk about cochlea implants" has been shared with Audiology staff.
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5503	Achilles Tendon Rupture Complication Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The continued audit of patient care shows improved outcomes and reduced complication rates.
SURGERY – SURGERY		
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4773	Patient Information Leaflets provision as part of consenting process for Vascular surgery Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The audit showed good compliance with the standards following the introduction of a patient leaflet. These will continue to be provided to patients.
5671	Vascular audit of surveillance imaging after EVAR and bypass surgery re-audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the appropriate scan is requested instructions are now be included on the operation note.
MEDICINE – EMERGENCY MEDICINE		
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5244	Transient loss of consciousness ('blackouts') in over 16s - NICE CG109	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A teaching session was held on the TLOC guidelines. The TLOC standards were added to message of the week.
5380	RCEM: Mental Health 2023 (RSH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All underlying mental health policies for the Emergency Departments have been reviewed and updated. An education programme has been agreed.
5524	Oxygen prescribing in the Emergency department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxygen prescribing was included on the message of the week.
5539	RCEM Care of the Elderly QIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going forward all patients over the age of 75 with a National Early Warning Score (NEWS2) of 4 or less will have a delirium screen completed and documented.
MEDICINE		
No.	Audit Title	Recommendations - actions
5409	Maternity clinical outcomes of type 1 DM service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are current discussions regarding a pre-conception service, however there is still no formally commissioned pre-conception service. A meeting has been requested to discuss plan for new pregnancy Hybrid Closed Loop (HCL) pump.
5412/5415	Complex diabetes clinic outcome data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology support in diabetes clinics is being reviewed by consultants. Draft contracts for patients to sign at beginning of clinic (expectations of clinic) are being drafted.
5513	Bone protection in Parkinson's disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The audit identified a need for patient education. Lifestyle advice leaflets are in the design stage, scheduled to be rolled out by the end of 2024.
5553	Urine dip stick documentation to vital-pac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urine dip documentation now included in the Trust induction programme.
5653	Safer Opioid Prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posters have been produced and teaching sessions arranged. These include world health organisation (WHO) step ladder for analgesic

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prescription, timely co-prescription with opiates and key points of the Trust guidance.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S

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5485	Induction of labour care pathway – delays due to high activity or short staffing (Ockenden IEA 10.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A framework was developed and published for women awaiting transfer to labour ward for artificial rupture of membranes (ARM). • A re-audit is planned.

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5424	Radiological guidance for the recognition and reporting of osteoporotic Vertebral Fragility Fractures (VFF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness, the consultant lead has presented the audit to the radiology team and reminded them all of the template on PACS to use when needed. • Feedback has been provided to the outsourcing company along with a copy of the Royal College Radiologist guidance.

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SURGERY - HEAD, NECK AND OPHTHALMOLOGY

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5639	Delay to treatment in orthodontics referral for dento-alveolar procedures since post COVID pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address the delays from referral to Consultation over the next 12 months we will Keep open clocks for internal referrals, increase clinics seeing dento-alveolar patients and introduce Tabletop MDT clinics to allow patient assessment virtually.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the new elective hub has opened, this will increase operating list capacity and reduce delay to treatment/Surgery times.
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5539	RCEM Care of the Elderly QIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate screening tools must be used when elderly patients present to the ED. When Safety rounds are completed, they must include agreed observations and care.
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5415	Patient satisfaction - complex diabetes service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology support in diabetes clinics is being reviewed by consultants.• Draft contracts for patients to sign at beginning of clinic (expectations of clinic) are being drafted.
5513	Bone protection in Parkinson's disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-clinical information for patient and staff training is planned.• Trust lifestyle advice leaflets (or from PD-UK) are in the design process.
5553	Urine dip stick documentation to vital-pac	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urine dip documentation now included in the Trust induction programme.
5653	Safer Opioid Prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Trust are in the process of designing poster and teaching sessions, which will include WHO step ladder for analgesic prescription, timely Co prescription with Opiates and key points of the Trust guidance.
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