

## **Annual Health Check Standards for Better Health Declaration 2008/09**

### **1. Introduction**

The Healthcare commission (HCC) is an independent body which exists to promote improvement in the quality of healthcare and public health in England and Wales. The HCC is responsible for assessing the performance of each local NHS organisation and awarding an annual rating of the organisation's performance accordingly.

The Annual health check is made up of two components, Use of Resources and Quality of Services. In 2007/ 08 North West London scored as follows for each component:

**Quality of Services: FAIR  
Use of Resources: WEAK**

For 2008/09 the Quality of Services rating will comprise of assessment of compliance against core standards.

The Trust is required to make a separate declaration via the Care Quality Commission in respect to healthcare associated infection and its compliance with Hygiene Code criteria

### **2. Assurance mechanisms**

For 08/09 appropriate committees were assigned responsibility for overseeing compliance and assurance against individual core standards and each standard had a nominated Executive lead.

The Governance, Compliance and Risk Committee, a nominated Assurance sub group of the Trust Board was responsible for receiving reports against each core standard from these committees and reported progress bi- monthly to the Trust Board.

Final assurance and compliance decisions are taken by the Trust Board.

### **3. Core Standards**

NWLH Trust Board is required to declare compliance against 24 core standards, covering seven domains.

For the year 2008/09 the Trust intends to declare all standards as met.