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PRESS RELEASE

Fylde's Hospitals Score Highly in NHS Performance Ratings 2008/2009

PATIENTS at the Fylde's Hospitals are receiving good quality care and treatment according to the findings of a national report unveiled today.

The Care Quality Commission has published its Performance Ratings for 2008/2009 – its detailed annual 'Health Check' of the NHS. Trusts were awarded two overall ratings, one for its use of resources and one for quality of services. Each Trust received ratings ranging from weak, fair, good or excellent.

Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was rated 'excellent' for its use of resources and 'good' for quality of services.

The rating for quality covers a range of areas which are important to patients such as cleanliness, safety, standards of care, infection prevention, hospital food, waiting times and privacy and dignity.

The Trust achieved all 24 core standards and all nine existing national targets which include patients being seen and treated in A&E within four hours, waiting times for inpatient and outpatient treatment and access to heart surgery and cancer treatment.

The quality rating also assessed Trusts on a number of new national priorities such as tackling smoking, improving breastfeeding rates, reducing MRSA and Clostridium Difficile and patient and staff satisfaction.

The score for use of resources looks at how NHS organisations manage their finances. The Trust is pleased that it was rated 'excellent' which recognises its success in delivering value for money for patients by managing its resources effectively and efficiently.

Aidan Kehoe, Chief Executive of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We are really pleased with the results which reflect the hard work and dedication of staff from across the organisation to ensure that the services our patients receive are of the highest standards. It is very reassuring for our local population that we achieved all of the standards that are important to patients such as cleanliness, privacy and dignity, waiting times and infection prevention.

"We have seen huge falls in MRSA and clostridium difficile rates, we have continued to make good progress in reducing waiting times and have seen significant improvements in the national Patient Survey which show that satisfaction levels of our patients is increasing.

"There are still areas where we know we can improve and we will continue to work with our staff and our PCT colleagues to ensure that the services we provide are of the highest quality, in line with our vision to offer 'best in NHS' care for our patients."

Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust scored extremely favourably when compared to other Acute Trusts in the area. A table of comparison is available overleaf.

For further information about this Press Release, please call Caroline Hastie, Head of Communications, on 01253 303538.

How do we compare with other Acute Trusts locally?

Name of Trust	Quality of Services	Use of Resources
Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Excellent
East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	Fair	Fair
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good
North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust	Good	Fair
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust	Fair	Good

Notes to Editors: The full Annual Performance Ratings 2008/2009 are available from the [Care Quality Commission website](#)