

27 March 2009

CARE UK STATEMENT OF DECLARATION ON MRSA SCREENING FOR ALL ELECTIVE ADMISSION PATIENTS

The Care UK Board has reviewed and extended its present Orthopaedic MRSA Screening arrangements to include all elective admission patients.

The Care UK Board has been assured that it is fully compliant with the Department of Health's (DH) MRSA Screening Policy for elective admission patients.

This Policy is firmly embedded within Care UK's Infection Prevention & Control (IP&C) MRSA Policy, including those used in its Elective Surgical Pre-Op Clinics. Care UK has suitable systems and arrangements in place to ensure that there is full compliance with the DH Guidance.

Care UK has ensured that it has mechanisms in place and has allocated resources to ensure that compliance and monitoring processes are in place. These include:

- Publication of the Statement of Declaration, MRSA Screening Policy and MRSA policy on the Care UK public website.
- Compliance with the MRSA Screening Policy and MRSA policy, which will be monitored on a monthly basis via the
 - DH's MRSA Screening Return Form sent to the appropriate SHA;
 - Monthly Care UK Executive Team Meeting; and
 - Care UK Secondary Care IP&C Committee.
- Care UK will ensure that 'compliance rates' with the MRSA Screening Policy and MRSA Policy are made publicly available via the Group Medical Director's Annual Clinical Governance Report, which will also be published on the Care UK public website.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Parish".

Mike Parish
Chief Executive
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