

TRUST OF THE YEAR 2013

As part of the 2013 Dr Foster Hospital Guide, we are delighted to announce this year's award winners.

This year we are awarding a Trust of the Year award for each of the four NHS regions – London, North of England, Midlands and East England, and South of England, measuring trust performances on the four main mortality metrics used in the Hospital Guide, i.e. HSMR, SHMI, deaths in low-risk conditions and deaths after surgery.

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THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **London:** Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust - lower than expected on all four metrics. Not only best in the London region but also the best performance of any trust in England against these metrics.
- **North of England:** Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust – lower than expected on HSMR and SHMI.
- **Midlands and East of England:** West Suffolk NHS foundation Trust – lower than expected on HSMR and SHMI.
- **South of England:** Frimley Park NHS Foundation Trust – lower than expected on HSMR, SHMI, deaths in low-risk conditions.

A short note on our selection criteria for Trust of the Year: where there was a tie between trusts in a region based on mortality metrics alone, the trust with the better performance for weekend working, another section of the guide, was chosen.

We warmly congratulate all four trusts on their performance!

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS:

Poorer care at weekends has been a focus for Dr Foster – and others – in recent years. Accordingly, we are also this year awarding Highly Commended awards to twelve trusts who have seen an improvement (a move to a higher banding) in their performance at weekends on either weekend emergency HSMR, weekend readmission rates or weekend repair of broken hips – and whose performance on the four main mortality metrics used in the Hospital Guide (HSMR, SHMI, deaths in low-risk conditions and deaths after surgery) is at least in line with expected.

The twelve Highly Commended trusts are:

Improved weekend emergency HSMR from 2011/12 to 2012/13

- Airedale NHS Foundation Trust
- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust

- Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
- The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Improved weekend readmission rates from 2011/12 to 2012/13

- Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust
- Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
- The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

We warmly congratulate all twelve trusts on their performance!