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3) GP Discharge Letters

In Cardiac Surgery a discharge summary is produced from the PATS (Patient Audit Tracking System) and given to 100% of all patients on the day of their discharge.

It is aimed to extend this to Cardiology enabling interim discharge summaries to be sent to GPs for 100% of all patients within 10 days.

However, a recent audit of discharge letters identified only 23% sent to GPs within the agreed timescale.

An issue related to the dating of letters in Cardiac Surgery was immediately rectified to bring performance closer to target.

4) Nursing Standards / Clinical Audit

Nursing standards and audit are well established and the emphasis now is to move closer to multidisciplinary audit. A successful audit on thrombolysis in acute myocardial infarction has taken place (attached). Details of the nursing standards agreed are attached.

5) Wait in Out Patient Clinic

81% of patients are seen within 30 minutes in Cardiac Surgery and 72% in Cardiology.