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Analysis of CQC's top hospitals shows mortality is up to 20 per cent lower than expected

A performance analysis of the 37 acute and specialist trusts rated as 'excellent' by the CQC ¹ has shown that their risk adjusted mortality ratios are up to 20 per cent lower than expected.

CHKS, the UK's leading independent provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services, also found that the 43 hospital trusts that performed strongly over two years had a length of stay that was up to 15 per cent shorter when adjusted for case mix.

Fifteen of the 29 non-specialist acute trusts singled out for praise by the CQC as being 'excellent' for quality are CHKS clients, while 11 have won a CHKS 40Top Hospitals Award within the past two years.

Jason Harries, managing director, CHKS said: "The CQC ratings are a wake up call for those trusts that are rated 'weak' when it comes to quality. Management plays its part but good healthcare intelligence is clearly a prerequisite for improving quality of care. It's good to see that some of the client trusts we work with are amongst those that have been rated as 'excellent' by the CQC, whilst others are steadily improving performance with our help."

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Notes to editors:

1. The Care Quality Commission has published NHS performance ratings for all 392 NHS trusts in England. The CQC said the NHS is performing well against a rigorous assessment on quality, with more trusts rated 'excellent' or 'good'. For Quality, the CQC rated 15 per cent of trusts 'excellent', 47 per cent 'good', 33 per cent 'fair' and 5 per cent 'weak'. Last year, ratings were 26 per cent, 35 per cent, 34 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.

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