





<b>Action:</b>	<b>Current BRAG Rating</b>	<b>Recommended BRAG Rating</b>	
6. Timely Access 6.1.6 Introduce new transfer protocol to transfer patients back to the wards from theatre	Green Completed 31/12/2015	Blue	
<b>Detail:</b>			
<p>There was a concern that there was a delay in patients being returned to wards from recovery for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>A 'task and finish group' was established in November 2015 and as a consequence of improvements that have been made the time taken has reduced from an average of 27 mins in Feb/March 2015 to an average of 13 mins in Feb/March 2016.</p> <p>The theatre team recognise however that there are still too many patients waiting over an hour to transfer back to a ward and so a further observational audit has been undertaken. Other recommendations have been identified that the team will be working through in the coming months.</p>			
<b>Evidence:</b>			
The new transfer protocol which has been in place since July 2015	 6.1.6 transfer protocol.pdf		
The briefing paper demonstrating improvements in transfer time	 6.1.6 briefing paper for Theatre Mgmt Grc		
The observational audit undertaken in March 2016 and presented to the Theatre Management Group in April 2016.	 6.1.6 Recovery Observation and Aud		
Evidence of theatre staff planning ongoing improvements to transfer time	 6.1.6 Theatre staff plans for ongoing imp		
<b>On-going monitoring arrangements:</b>			
The theatre management group receive regular update on transfer time. It is chaired by the DGM for surgery.			
<b>Executive Director Responsible:</b>	Interim Chief Operating Officer Jon Scott	<b>Responsible Assurance Committee:</b>	Finance Committee