

SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

Serious Clinical Incident Summary Carried over from 2018/19

	Date of Incident	Reference	Clinical Group	Specialty	Type of Incident	Case synopsis and Contributory Factors	Summary of key changes Implemented/Solution
1.	27/02/2019	204453	Medicine & Emergency Care	Acute Medical Unit (AMU)	Failure to diagnose bowel cancer	<p>Patient presented with iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) in September 2017. He was given iron and his IDA was thought to be caused by aspirin and warfarin. He re-presented with recurrent IDA in September 2018. An urgent oesophago-gastroduodenoscopy (OGD) and colonoscopy were requested but only an OGD was carried out.</p> <p>In February 2019, via the bowel cancer screening programme, he was given a colonoscopy. This identified that he has incurable bowel cancer that could have been treated if diagnosed earlier.</p>	<p>ACTIONS ONGOING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trust guideline being developed and will be implemented (31/10/19 March 2020) overdue* - AMU virtual clinic outcomes to have Consultant reviews (31/08/19) overdue* <p>All other actions have been completed.</p>