

# Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 May 2023

## NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts 2023-24



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### **Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to consider and comment on the draft 2023/24 Quality Accounts for:-
  - (a) County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust;
  - (b) Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust, and

### **Executive summary**

- 2 The Health Act 2009 requires NHS Foundation Trusts to publish an annual Quality Account report. The purpose of the report is for each trust to assess quality across all of the healthcare services they offer by reporting information on that performance and identifying priorities for improvement during the forthcoming year together with how they will be achieved and measured.
- 3 Overview and scrutiny plays an important role in providing assurance against Quality Account reports and gives local authority councillors an opportunity to comment on associated healthcare issues that they are involved in locally and have engaged with Trusts during the course of their activities over the year. Local authority health scrutiny guidance also suggests that OSCs may also wish to comment on how well providers have engaged with patients and the public and also how well they have promoted the Quality Account.

- 4 Representatives of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance to present their respective draft Quality Account, which will include information on performance against the 2022/23 priorities and also the proposed priorities for 2023/24.
- 5 In accordance with legislative requirements, upon receipt of the draft Quality Account documents, the Council has 30 days within which to submit a response to the documents to the respective NHS Foundation Trusts.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- 6 The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is:-
  - i) invited to consider and comment on each draft quality account, the 2023/24 performance and proposed priorities for 2024/25.
  - ii) recommended to delegate authority to the Democratic Services Manager as the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC to finalise the responses to be submitted within 30 days of their publication.

## **Background**

- 7 The Health Act 2009 requires NHS Foundation Trusts to publish an annual Quality Account report. The purpose of the Quality Account report is for each of the Trusts to assess quality across all of the healthcare services they offer by reporting information on 2023/24 performance and identifying priorities for improvement during the forthcoming year and how they will be achieved and measured.
- 8 Overview and Scrutiny plays an important role in the development and providing assurance of Quality Account reports. Regulation 10 of the Health Act 2009 requires the NHS Trusts to send a copy of their report to be considered by the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 30 days beginning with 1 April at the end of the reporting period.
- 9 Department of Health Guidance states that OSCs are ideally placed to ensure that a provider's Quality Account reflects the local priorities and concerns voiced by their constituents.
- 10 Quality Accounts aim to encourage local quality improvements, and OSCs can add to the process and provide further assurance by providing comments on the issues they are involved in locally and have engaged with providers during the course of their activities during the year.

## **NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts 2023/24**

- 11 The timing of today's Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee means that not all of the draft NHS Quality Account were received for inclusion within the agenda pack.
- 12 Upon receipt of the draft Quality Account documents, the Council has 30 days within which to submit a response to the documents to the respective NHS Foundation Trusts.
- 13 Representatives of County Durham and Darlington and Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trusts have been invited to the meeting to present to members information on their draft Quality Account for 2023/24 and respond to any member questions.
- 14 Presentations will be given by representatives of County Durham and Darlington NHS FT and Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust detailing information on performance against the 2023/24 priorities and also the proposed priorities for 2024/25. The presentations are attached at Appendices 2 and 3.

- 15 As members will recall representatives of North East Ambulance Service attended the Committee's meeting on 8 February 2024 to update members on their 2023/24 Quality Account performance and have indicated that they do not have the capacity to attend every Health OSC within their organisational footprint. It is proposed that the comments made at the February meeting together with any representations received following the publication and circulation of the NEAS 2023/24 Quality Account will be forwarded to NEAS as this Committee's formal response to their Quality Account document.
- 16 Proposed responses to the respective draft NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts will be drafted and submitted for approval by the Democratic Services Manager as the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC.

### **Background papers**

- None

### **Other useful documents**

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

This report has been produced to reflect the requirements of the Health Act 2009.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are invited to comment on the NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Accounts documents 2023/24 as outlined in this report.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Climate Change**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

None.

### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.

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**Appendix 3: County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation  
Trust Draft Quality Account 2023/24 presentation**

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Attached as a separate document

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**Appendix 4: Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust  
Draft Quality Account 2023/24 presentation**

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