

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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NHS Quality Accounts 2020-21 Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee responses

Report of Paul Darby, Interim Corporate Director of Resources

Electoral division(s) affected:

None

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To inform members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the responses made on behalf of the Committee in respect of NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Accounts 2020/21.

Executive summary

- 2 The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have previously agreed responses to the draft Quality Accounts of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.
- 3 Upon receipt of the respective Quality Accounts, these were usually circulated to the Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC membership for consideration and comment. The views provided by the Committee were included in responses to the draft Quality Accounts which also set out the key areas of work that the Committee had undertaken in respect of each NHS Foundation Trust.
- 4 As a result of the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the respective Foundation Trust Quality Accounts and the process of publication and responding to the has been delayed this year meaning that they were published shortly after the Local Government elections and before the membership of the Committee had received their OSC induction.
- 5 In order to comply with the deadline for responding to the Quality Account documents, draft responses were produced and signed off by the Chair of the Committee in consultation with the Statutory Scrutiny Officer, Andy Palmer and sent to each Foundation Trust within the

mandated timeframe for responses which was 30 days following receipt of the draft Quality Accounts.

Recommendation

- 6 Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive this report and note the responses to the draft Quality Accounts of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

Background

- 7 The Health Act 2009 requires the 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 2020/21 performance and identifying priorities for improvement during the forthcoming year and how they will be achieved and measured.
- 8 Draft Quality Accounts documents were received as follows:-

Foundation Trust	Date Received
Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust	1 June 2021
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	26 May 2021
North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	31 May 2021

- 9 Upon receipt of the respective Quality Accounts and in view of the short timescales within which to respond, proposed responses to the draft Quality Accounts were produced which set out the key issues within the Quality Account and also set out the key areas of work that the Committee had undertaken in respect of each NHS Foundation Trust.
- 10 The responses were signed off by the Chair of the Committee in consultation with the Statutory Scrutiny Officer, Andy Palmer and sent to each Foundation Trust within the mandated timeframe for responses which was 30 days following receipt of the draft Quality Accounts.

Considerations

- 11 Members of the Committee are asked to note the responses to the draft Quality Accounts of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

Legislative Background

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Background papers

- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2020/21
- County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2020/21
- North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2020/21

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

This report has been produced in accordance with the Health Act 2009 as they relate to NHS FT Quality Accounts.

Finance

None

Consultation

None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None

Human Rights

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Staffing

None

Accommodation

None

Risk

None

Procurement

None

**Appendix 2: Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny
Committee responses to the NHS FT Quality Accounts 2020/21**

Attached as a separate document