

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 May 2022

NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts 2021-22



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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 2021/22 Quality Accounts for:-
 - (a) North East Ambulance Services NHS Foundation Trust
 - (b) County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust;
 - (c) 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; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust, and North East Ambulance Services NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance to present their respective draft Quality Account, which will include information on performance against the 2021/22 priorities and also the proposed priorities for 2022/23.
- 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 2021/22 performance and proposed priorities for 2022/23.
 - 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 2021/22 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.

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- 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 The timeline for the publication of the respective draft Quality Accounts for 2021/22 is detailed in the following table:-

NHS Foundation Trust	Date of Publication	Deadline for response
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	10 May 2022	9 June 2022
North East Ambulance Service NHSFT	19 April 2022	18 May 2022
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT	9 May 2022	8 June 2022

- 14 Representatives of the three Foundation Trusts have been invited to the meeting to present to members information on their draft Quality Account for 2021/22 and respond to any member questions
- 15 As indicated in the table above, the draft Quality Account documents for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust are not due to be published until 9 and 10 May respectively and were not available for inclusion within the agenda pack.
- 16 Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC were sent an electronic copy of the North East Ambulance Service NHS FT Quality Account on 26 April following its publication on 19 April 2022. This was done to allow them to identify any key issues that they may have arising from the document and to formulate lines of enquiry to put to representatives of NEAS NHS Foundation Trust at today's meeting.
- 17 Representatives of North East Ambulance Service NHS FT will present their draft Quality Account which is attached at Appendix 2.
- 18 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 2021/22 priorities and also the proposed priorities for 2022/23. The presentations are attached at Appendices 3 and 4
- 19 Thereafter, 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

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 2021/23 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.

**Appendix 2: North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation
Trust Draft Quality Account 2021/22**

Attached as a separate document

**Appendix 3: County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation
Trust Draft Quality Account 2021/22 presentation**

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**Appendix 4: Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
Draft Quality Account 2021/22 presentation**

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