

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny



4 November 2015

**NHS Quality Accounts 2014-15 :
Progress against 2015/16
priorities**

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with supporting information to accompany presentations that are to be given by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust setting out progress made against their Quality Accounts' priorities for 2015/16.

Background

- 2 At its meeting held on 30 June 2015, the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed responses to Draft Quality Accounts for 2014/15 from:-
 - County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
 - Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
 - North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- 3 As part of each response, the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested that a six monthly progress report be given by each NHS Trust in respect of delivery of 2015/16 priorities and performance targets.

Local Authority Health Scrutiny – Guidance to support Local Authorities and partners to deliver effective health scrutiny

- 4 In June 2014, the Department of Health published guidance to support local authorities and their partners to deliver effective health scrutiny following changes made to the NHS as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 5 The primary aim of health scrutiny is to strengthen the voice of local people, ensuring that their needs and experiences are considered as an integral part of the commissioning and delivery of health services.
- 6 The Guidance reinforced the legitimate role of health scrutiny in proactively seeking information about the performance of local health services and institutions; in challenging the information provided to it by commissioners and providers of services for the health service and in testing this information by drawing on different sources of intelligence.

7. In the light of the Francis report, the guidance states that local authorities need to satisfy themselves that they keep open effective channels by which the public can communicate concerns about the quality of NHS and Public Health services to health scrutiny bodies.
8. Health scrutiny also needs to consider ways of independently verifying information provided by relevant NHS bodies and relevant health service providers – for example by seeking the views of the local Healthwatch.

NHS Quality Accounts 2014/15 – Updates against 2015/16 priorities

9. Set against the context of ongoing engagement between NHS Foundation Trust partners and the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of Quality Accounts, representatives of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust will provide presentations to members setting out progress made against their Quality Accounts' priorities for 2015/16.
10. A copy of the North East Ambulance Service summary Annual Report is attached for Member's information. (Appendix 2)
11. During consideration of the presentations members may wish to give consideration to:-
 - How NHS Trust partners are delivering against the Quality Accounts priorities for 2015/16?
 - How do those Quality Accounts priorities for 2015/16 meet the Commissioning priorities of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and are services being provided which address those CCG priorities?
 - The views of County Durham Healthwatch and any other sources of independent information regarding service provision.

Recommendations

12. Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive the report and provide comment on the presentations given by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

Background Papers

NHS Quality Accounts Report to Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 30 June 2015

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Account 2014/15

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Account 2014/15

North East Ambulance Service Draft Quality Account 2014/15

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None.

Staffing - None

Equality and Diversity - None

Accommodation – None.

Crime and Disorder – None.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None.

Procurement – None

Disability Discrimination Act – None

Legal Implications – None.