

Special Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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NHS Foundation Trusts' 2015/16 Draft Quality Accounts



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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce presentations by NHS Foundation Trusts in respect of the 2015/16 draft Quality Accounts for:-
 - County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
 - Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
 - North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

Background

2. 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 2015/16 performance and identifying priorities for improvement during the forthcoming year and how they will be achieved and measured.
3. Overview and Scrutiny plays an important role in the development and providing assurance of Quality Accounts reports. Regulation 10 of the Health Act 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.
4. 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.
5. 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. If an important local healthcare issue is missing from a provider's Quality Account then the OSC can use the opportunity in the form of a statement to be included in a provider's Quality Account to highlight this omission.
6. Moreover, 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. It is also suggested that OSCs may also wish to comment on how well providers have engaged patients and the public, and how well they have promoted the Quality Account.

7. Guidance indicates that OSCs should not feel that they have to comment on areas of the Quality Account where they do not have relevant knowledge. These include areas of clinical safety and processes/procedures.

Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Account 2015/16

8. The draft Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account has been circulated to members of the Committee in advance of the meeting to allow members to consider the content and identify issues for consideration at today's meeting.
9. Representatives of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance to present information on their draft Quality Account for 2015/16 and respond to any member questions. Any key issues identified by members of the Committee in respect of the Quality Account document including proposed draft priorities for 2016/17 will be included in the Committee's formal response.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Account 2015/16

10. The draft County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account has been circulated to members of the Committee in advance of the meeting to allow members to consider the content and identify issues for consideration at today's meeting.
11. Representatives of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance to present information on their draft Quality Account for 2015/16 and respond to any member questions. Any key issues identified by members of the Committee in respect of the Quality Account document including proposed draft priorities for 2016/17 will be included in the Committee's formal response.

North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Account 2011/12

12. The draft North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account has been circulated to members of the Committee in advance of the meeting to allow members to consider the content and identify issues for consideration at today's meeting.
13. Representatives of North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust will be in attendance to present information on their draft Quality Account for 2015/16 and respond to any member questions. Any key issues identified by members of the Committee in respect of the NEAS Quality Account document including proposed draft priorities for 2016/17 will be included in the Committee's formal response.

Recommendation

14. That the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive this report, note and comment on the draft Quality Account presentations and agree that a further report detailing proposed responses to the NHS Foundation Trusts' draft Quality Accounts 2015/16 be considered at the special meeting of the Committee scheduled for 9 May 2016.

Background papers

None

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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 – The Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be invited to comment on the NHS Foundation Trust Draft Quality Accounts documents 2015/16 as outlined in this report.

Procurement – None

Disability Discrimination Act – None

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