

Agenda Item

Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee

16th March 2021

NORTH TEES AND HARTLEPOOL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – QUALITY ACCOUNT 2020-2021

Summary

Representatives of the Trust will be in attendance in order to outline performance against the Trust's quality priorities for 2020-2021 and inform the Committee of the emerging priorities for the next year.

The Trust produces a Quality Account as part of this process. The Committee is invited to prepare a statement of assurance for inclusion in the final published version.

Recommendations

- 1) The Committee should consider and comment on the update on performance in 2020-2021 and the priorities for quality improvement in 2021-2022.
- 2) That a statement of assurance be prepared and submitted to the Trust, with final approval delegated to the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

Detail

1. NHS Trusts are under a duty to produce yearly 'Quality Accounts' and these are intended to set out:
 - what an organisation is doing well;
 - where improvements in service quality are required;
 - what the priorities for improvement are for the coming year;
 - how the organisation has involved service users, staff and others with an interest in that organisation in determining those priorities for improvement.
2. Being able to consider the Quality Account and associated information is a key way for Members to review the performance and quality of local health services. Quality in the NHS is defined under the headings of Patient Safety, Effectiveness of Care, and Patient Experience.
3. Each year the Committee has the opportunity to review the quality performance of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust. The Committee will be provided with a presentation at the meeting.
4. Scrutiny committees have the opportunity to provide a statement of assurance to be included in the published version of the Quality Account.

5. Following the meeting, it is proposed that a draft statement of assurance is prepared and circulated to the Committee, with final agreement delegated to the Chair and Vice-Chair.
6. The Trust's Account from 2019-2020 can be found here (see pages 97-248; the Committee's last statement of assurance is on pages 234-235):

<https://www.nth.nhs.uk/content/uploads/2020/12/Annual-report-and-Accounts-NTHFT-2019-20.pdf>

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