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**QUALITY ACCOUNTS 2014/15**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider information included in the local Foundation Trusts Quality Accounts 2014/15 to enable this Committee's input into the draft commentaries.

**Summary**

2. Members will recall Scrutiny Committee agreed to be more involved with the local Foundation Trusts Quality Accounts. This has enabled Members to have a better understanding and knowledge of performance when submitting a commentary on the Quality Accounts at the end of the Municipal Year 2014/15.
3. As a result, Members committed to attending the Stakeholder events hosted by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trusts. Scrutiny also agreed to receive regular performance reports from both Trusts.
4. Scrutiny has also been requested to consider NEAS Quality Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2015 and provide comments for inclusion in a Regional response.

**Recommendations**

5. It is recommended that :
  - (a) draft commentaries for :
    - (i) Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust be formulated and forwarded for inclusion in the Quality Accounts for 2014/15; and
    - (ii) County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust be formulated and forwarded for inclusion in the Quality Accounts for 2014/15.
  - (b) Comments relating to NEAS Quality Report for the Year Ending 31 March be forwarded to formulate a Regional response.

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## Background Papers

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Healthy Darlington Theme Group.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

## MAIN REPORT

### Quality Accounts 2014/15

6. The Health Act 2009 requires Foundation Trusts to publish an Annual Quality Account Report.
7. The purpose of the Annual Report is for Trusts to assess quality across all of the healthcare services they offer by reporting information on annual performance and identifying areas for improvement during the forthcoming year and how they will be achieved and measured.
8. The priorities for improvement are divided into the three components of quality; safety, experience and effectiveness.
9. Overview and Scrutiny Committee's play an important role in development and providing assurance on Quality Accounts reports. The Health Act requires Trusts to send a copy of their report to be considered by their appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
10. In advance of the Trust's report being considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committees it is vital that the priority areas identified are considered and that discussion takes place. Comments or views from Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be reflected in the final report and involvement should be credited within the document.

### County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

11. Members of this Scrutiny received updates on performance information from the Foundation Trust in a timely manner and avoid duplication.
12. As a result of these meetings, Members feel informed and able to make comments for inclusion in the draft Quality Accounts 2014/15 (**Appendix 3(b)**).

### Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

13. Members have attended stakeholder events and received regular performance information from the Foundation Trust throughout the Municipal Year.
14. As a result of these meetings, Members feel informed to be able to make comments for inclusion in the draft Quality Accounts 2014/15.

### NEAS Quality Report for Year Ending 31 March 2015

15. Councillors Newall, Taylor and H Scott are this Council's representatives on Regional Health Scrutiny which has been requested to consider the NEAS Quality Report for Year Ending 31 March 2015 (**Appendix 3(c)**).

16. Councillors Newall, Taylor and Scott have regularly updated Member of this Scrutiny Committee and as a result Members feel informed and able to make comments on the NEAs Quality Report.