

HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 May 2014

PRESENT – Councillor Newall (in the Chair); Councillors Crichlow, Macnab, EA Richmond, S Richmond and J Taylor. (6)

APOLOGIES –Councillor Donoghue, Nutt, Regan and H Scott. (4)

ABSENT – Councillor I Haszeldine. (0)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Joanne Todd, Associate Director of Nursing (Patient Safety and Governance), County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES – Andrea Goldie, Healthwatch.

HP67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

HP68. QUALITY ACCOUNTS 2013/14 – The Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) presenting the Scrutiny Committee’s commentaries on the Quality Accounts 2013/14 for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust. Scrutiny Committee’s approval of the Quality Accounts was sought.

The submitted report stated Members had been more involved with the local Foundation Trusts Quality Accounts to enable them to have a better understanding and knowledge of performance when submitting the commentaries on the Quality Accounts at the end of the Municipal Year 2013/14. As a result, Members committed to attending the Stakeholder events hosted by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) and received regular performance reports from both TEWV and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

The Associate Director of Nursing (Patient Safety and Governance), County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust advised Members that a Quality Strategy 2013 to 2018 had been established and that it was envisaged that the Quality Accounts would, in future, be aligned to that Strategy.

Members then gave full consideration to the Quality Accounts and questioned the Associate Director of Nursing (Patient Safety and Governance) on various aspects of the Accounts. Members were keen to receive further information on the recently introduced pilot of Food as Therapy; the expansion of the Friends and Family Test to staff and the continuation of End of Life Care.

Members then gave consideration to the Quality Accounts for Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and in doing so commented they were pleased to see an improvement in relation to the number of service users on Care Programme Approach who had been issued with a copy of their care plan.

RESOLVED – That the draft commentaries for the Quality Accounts 2013/14 for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS

Foundation Trust be approved and submitted to the respective Trusts for inclusion in the Quality Accounts for 2013/14.