

HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 7 OCTOBER 2020

QUALITY ACCOUNTS 2019/20

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider information included in the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts 2019/20 to enable this Committee's input into the draft commentary.

Summary

2. Scrutiny Committee had previously 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 2019/20.
3. As a result Scrutiny agreed to receive regular performance reports from the Trust; and were invited to attend Quality Account Stakeholder events.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that a draft commentary for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust be formulated and forwarded for inclusion in the Quality Accounts for 2019/20.

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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 Wellbeing	This report has implications to the address Health and Wellbeing of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	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.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers.

MAIN REPORT

Quality Accounts 2019/20

5. The Health Act 2009 and the National Health Service (Quality Accounts Regulations 2010) requires NHS Foundation Trusts to publish an Annual Quality Account Report.
6. 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.
7. Overview and Scrutiny Committees 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.
8. 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.

9. The Department for Health and Social Care requires providers to publish Quality Accounts by 30 June each year following the end of the reporting period. An amendment to the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 means there is no fixed deadline by which providers must publish their 2019/20 quality account; NHS England and NHS Improvement recommends for NHS providers that a revised deadline of 15 December 2020 would be appropriate, in light of pressures caused by COVID-19.

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10. Members of this Scrutiny Committee received updates on performance information from the Trust in a timely manner.
11. As a result of these updates, Members feel informed to be able to make comments for inclusion in the draft Quality Accounts 2019/20 (Appendix).