

SPECIAL HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
29 MAY 2026

COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST QUALITY ACCOUNT 2025-26

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider information included in the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust's (CDDFT) Quality Account 2025-26 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 Account. This enabled Members to have a better understanding and knowledge of performance when submitting a commentary on the Quality Account at the end of the Municipal Year.
3. The draft Quality Account for CDDFT is attached at appendix 1.

Recommendation

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 Account for 2025-26.

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Background Papers

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

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Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
Addressing inequalities	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address.
Tackling Climate Change	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Efficient and effective use of resources	This report has no impact on the Council's Efficiency Programme.

Health and Wellbeing	This report has implications to address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder.
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
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

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.