

North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2016-17

Summary

The Committee are requested to consider the draft Quality Account of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT), and comment as appropriate to assist with the production of a statement of assurance for inclusion in the published version.

Recommendation

1. The Committee should consider the draft Quality Account, performance this year, and the selected priorities for improvement for 2016-17; and comment as appropriate;
2. That a draft statement of assurance be circulated following the meeting, with final approval delegated to the Chair.

Detail

1. Quality in the NHS consists of three 'domains': patient safety, effectiveness of care, and patient experience.
2. Quality Accounts should 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 your organisation in determining those priorities for improvement.
3. **Quality Accounts are a key method of demonstrating how local NHS services are performing and they contain a range of important indicators.** The attached NTHFT version includes:
 - performance against the priorities for 2016-17 (see page 6 of the Account onwards)
 - information on the locally selected priorities for 2016-17 (see page 65 of the Account onwards)
 - a number of indicators that enable comparisons to be made with other Trusts (see page 87 onwards)

4. NTHTF's Quality Account includes reference to both hospital and community based services.
5. As part of the assurance process draft Quality Accounts are circulated to key organisations including commissioners, patient groups and relevant overview and scrutiny committees. These groups have the opportunity to submit a statement for inclusion in the published version setting out their views on a Trust's performance and priorities.
6. The Committee was updated on progress in the year to date in November, and the minutes of that meeting are attached at **Appendix 1** for reference.
7. The draft Quality Account 2016-17 is attached at **Appendix 2**. This is the consultation draft and comments have been invited from partner organisations by end of 28 April 2017.
8. The Committee's Statement of Assurance as included in the published version of the previous (2015-16) Quality Account is attached at **Appendix 3** for reference.
9. Please note that some information included in the attached cannot be updated until information is available at end of April.

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