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North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account 2010-11

Summary

The Committee are requested to consider a presentation as part of the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust's (NTHFT) consultation into the priorities for inclusion in next year's Quality Account.

Detail

1. NHS Acute Trusts are under a duty to produce yearly 'Quality Accounts' and these are intended to 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 that organisation in determining those priorities for improvement.
2. Providers are encouraged to engage with local stakeholders throughout the production of each year's Quality Account. The Director of Nursing and Patient Safety, and Director of Public Involvement, will be in attendance at this meeting in order to provide a presentation to report on progress so far this year and to consult on priorities for inclusion in the 2012-13 Quality Account.
3. For each Account, the relevant commissioning PCT will need to provide a statement of assurance. In addition, health overview and scrutiny committees, and LINKs, also have a voluntary opportunity to comment on draft Accounts. The Committee will have the opportunity to comment on NTHFT's draft 2012-13 Account at a future meeting; this is currently scheduled for 20 February 2012. At that meeting Members may wish to give consideration to providing a joint statement with Stockton LINK, as has happened in the previous two years.
4. Members will recall that the Trust attended the meeting of 19 April in order to present the Trust's draft Quality Account for 2011-12. Following this meeting, the Committee provided a joint statement for inclusion in the published version. This final version can be found via the following link:

<http://www.nth.nhs.uk/assets/x/51278>

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