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## North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT): Quality Account 2025-2026

### Summary

Senior University Hospitals Tees (UHT) personnel will be in attendance to outline performance against the NTHFT quality priorities for 2025-2026 and inform the Committee of the emerging priorities for the next year.

The Trust produces a Quality Account as part of this process. The Committee is invited to prepare a statement of assurance for inclusion in the final published version.

### Recommendations

- 1) The Committee should consider and comment on the update on performance in 2025-2026 and the priorities for quality improvement in 2026-2027.
- 2) That a statement of assurance be prepared and submitted to the Trust, with final approval delegated to the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

### Detail

1. NHS Trusts are under a duty to produce an annual 'Quality Account' – 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. Quality in the NHS is defined under the headings of 'Patient Safety', 'Effectiveness of Care', and 'Patient Experience'. Being able to consider the Quality Account and associated information is a key way for Members to review the performance and quality of local health services. As such, each year, the Committee has the opportunity to review the quality performance of NTHFT.
3. Scrutiny committees also have the opportunity to provide a statement of assurance to be included in the published version of the Quality Account. Following the meeting, it is proposed that a draft statement of assurance is prepared and circulated to the Committee, with final agreement delegated to the Chair and Vice-Chair.

4. Ahead of the meeting, and for wider context, Members may wish to familiarise themselves with the following:
- NTHFTs published Quality Account for the previous year (2024-2025) (*note: this includes the Committee's statement of assurance – see pages 116-118*).  
<https://www.nth.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ANNUAL-QUALITY-ACCOUNT-2024-25-Final.pdf>
  - The slides and discussion points from last year's (2024-2025) Quality Account presentation to the Committee in May 2025.  
<https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=4714>
  - Published NHS survey results in relation to NTHFT:
    - CQC Children and Young People's Survey 2024 (published May 2025)  
<https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RVW/surveys/103>
    - CQC Adult Inpatient Survey 2024 (published September 2025)  
<https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RVW/surveys/129>
    - CQC Maternity Survey 2025 (published December 2025)  
<https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RVW/surveys/130>
    - NHS Staff Survey 2025 (Benchmark Report)  
<https://cms.nhsstaffsurveys.com/app/reports/2025/RVW-benchmark-2025.pdf>
  - Further information / data in relation to NTHFT can be found via the NHS oversight framework segmentation and performance dashboard (search for NTHFT in the 'Select a trust' box).  
<https://data.england.nhs.uk/dashboard/nofacute>
  - The latest Care Quality Commission (CQC) report regarding NTHFT (published on 16 September 2022) provided outcomes following an unannounced inspection of the Trust which was prompted by concerns about the quality and safety of services, and included an inspection of the 'well-led' key question for the Trust overall. The CQC also inspected maternity services at Hartlepool and North Tees hospitals, and services for children and young people at North Tees.  
<https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/f877d342-ae10-48cc-9783-f99144e029fc?20221129062700>
5. Senior UHT representatives are scheduled to be in attendance at this meeting. A presentation has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers (see **Appendix 1**) – this is accompanied by a UHT draft Quality Account document which refers to both NTHFT and South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) in line with ongoing formalised partnership arrangements (see **Appendix 2**).

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