



To: Health and social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Date: 5th February 2014.

Subject: Quality Accounts (UHCW / CWPT)

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 At the request of the Board's Chair to advise the Board of developments in the determination of priorities for the 2014/15 Quality Accounts for University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT).

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board are requested to note the attached appendices and that the formal consideration of a commentary on this year's Quality Accounts will be brought forward early in the new municipal year.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Quality Accounts are annual reports to the public from providers of NHS healthcare services about the quality of services they provide. They focus on the non-financial aspects of Trust activities and all providers of all NHS healthcare services in England irrespective of sector are required to produce one.
- 3.2 Since the introduction of Quality Accounts and 'Overview and Scrutiny Committees' (OSCs) such as this Board have been required to provide a commentary on the contents of a Quality Account and are given the opportunity to raise any issues related to the quality of a providers services and for this to be included in the final document. This provision also applies to local Healthwatch.
- 3.3 In order for Quality Accounts to better reflect local priorities for the continuous improvement of clinical quality local providers have over recent years entered into early discussions with both OSC chairs and local Healthwatch. The Board has been represented this year by its Chair, and attached are the draft priorities for the 2014/15 Quality Accounts of UHCW and CWPT. This work has been led by Warwickshire County Council.
- 3.4 The timing of the presentation of the full documents is rarely convenient for local authorities such as Coventry, and practice over recent years has been for the first meeting of the municipal year to consider Quality Accounts and a draft commentary. It is anticipated that the work undertaken by the sub-Groups (leading to the attached notes) will ensure that the process of Scrutiny engagement in Quality Accounts this year will proceed more smoothly.
- 3.5 More information regarding Quality Accounts can be found at:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/215688/dh_133408.pdf

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