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**Meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee -  
24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

**Report of the Acting Director of Public Health and Wellbeing**

**NHS Quality Accounts**

**Purpose**

1. To consider the draft Quality Reports and Accounts of NHS providers for 2022/23 and the priorities set out for their services for the forthcoming year.

**Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:-
  - Notes the contents of report and appendices to the report;
  - Provide feedback and comment on the draft quality reports and accounts of NHS providers.

**Background**

3. A Quality Account (QA) is a public report, published annually by healthcare providers about the quality of its services and its plans for improvement with the aim of enhancing accountability, and supporting the local quality improvement agenda. Providers are required to publish their QAs for the previous year (April 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year to end of March 31<sup>st</sup>) on the National Health Services Choices website by June of each year. Under The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010, healthcare providers are required to present a draft of their QA document to local authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

4. Attached as Appendices to this report are Dudley Integrated Healthcare NHS Trust, West Midlands Ambulance Service and the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's draft QAs for 2022/23. Members are requested to note their contents in advance of the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
5. Due to restricted timeframes, as advised by NHS Providers, the draft QA's for the Dudley Group of Hospitals, the Black Country Health and Care Trust and West Midlands Hospital (Ramsey), will be circulated to Members electronically for comment upon receipt following the meeting.
6. At the meeting a senior representative from each NHS organisation attending will present a summary of their QAs to Members who will have the opportunity to ask questions about them. Support and guidance about what Members may wish to focus particular attention on has been provided by Public Health Officers in the accompanying Quality Accounts Checklist (Appendix 4). NHS partners will give due consideration to incorporating any feedback into the final version.
7. Members may also wish to provide a short statement to each NHS organisation after the Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April to endorse them and/or highlight particular points of praise or concern in the provider's Quality Accounts. Providers may wish to include these statements in the final version of their Quality Accounts.
8. Final versions of the QAs will be circulated to Members electronically.

## **Finance**

9. The costs of operating the Council's scrutiny structure are contained within existing budgetary allocations. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

## **Law**

10. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

## **Risk Management**

11. No risks have been identified from consideration of this report.

## **Equality Impact**

12. Quality Accounts can be seen as contributing to the equality agenda in the pursuit of improving care for all. This implies a challenge to ensure that services meet the needs of all sectors of the community to make this an even greater reality in Dudley.

## **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

13. Human resources and organisational development implications for NHS Providers have been addressed within each respective draft QA report.

## **Commercial/Procurement**

14. Commercial/Procurement implications for NHS Providers have been addressed within each respective draft QA report.

## **Environment/Climate Change**

15. There are no implications arising from this report

## **Council Priorities and Projects**

16. The Dudley Borough Vision refers to building stronger, safer and more resilient communities and protecting our residents' physical, and emotional health for the future. This includes monitoring and scrutinising the impact of local services on the health, wellbeing and safety of the Borough's citizens.
17. There are no implications arising from this report in relation to Council projects.



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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Dudley Integrated Health and Care NHS Trust Quality  
Accounts 2022/23

Appendix 2 – West Midlands Ambulance Service Quality Accounts 2022/23

Appendix 3 – Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts  
2022/23 (To follow)

Appendix 4 – Quality Accounts Checklist