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**Meeting of the Public Health Select Committee - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

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

**NHS Quality Accounts**

**Purpose**

1. To consider the published Quality Account of the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2022/23 and the priorities set out for their services for the forthcoming year.

**Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that the Select Committee:-
  - Notes the contents of report and appendices to the report;
  - Provide feedback and comments on the report to the NHS provider.

**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 Appendix 1 to this report is the Quality Account for the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust which was published on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
5. 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, attached as Appendix 2. NHS partners will give due consideration to any feedback.

### **Finance**

6. 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**

7. Scrutiny Committees/Select 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**

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

### **Equality Impact**

9. 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**

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

### **Commercial/Procurement**

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

## **Environment/Climate Change**

12. There are no implications arising from this report

## **Council Priorities and Projects**

13. 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.

14. There are no implications arising from this report in relation to Council projects.



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## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Quality  
Accounts 2022/23

Appendix 2 – Quality Accounts Checklist