

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Health Select Commission
2.	Date:	6th December, 2012
3.	Title:	Update on progress of Quality Accounts
4.	Directorate:	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

5. Summary

Annually we prepare a Quality Account report as part of our mandatory requirements in relation to improving and monitoring the quality of our care. Meetings with the Health Select Committee have been annual and just prior to decision making about which quality improvement programmes we should include in the following year's programme.

It was decided that an update on progress should be made bi-annually and in time to fully consider the programmes of work their current status and what programmes the HSC would consider as worthy of inclusion in 2013/14 quality accounts.

Good progress has been made in meeting our targets this year and we are confident that we will achieve all of those set by March 2013.

6. Recommendations

The HSC are recommended to read the attached report, prepare questions and identify what they consider are important quality issues that they would like to see developed and included in the programmes for next year.

7. Proposals and Details

We are likely to continue with our work on medicines management as the size and scope of this agenda is considerable. All directorates and service areas have also been set to improve targets on length of stay, re-admission rates and a number of key quality indicators. The overarching aim of the organisation is to reduce avoidable deaths, reduce harm, improve patient experience and staff satisfaction (set out in our Quality Strategy attached).

8. Finance

Meeting our quality agenda objectives will bring not only considerable improvements in the quality of care we provide but also subsequent financial savings due to:

- Reducing re-admissions
- Reducing length of stay
- Reducing the number of harm events that can lead to extended length of stay
- Reduced cost of claims/litigation and complaints handling
- Efficiencies in the system from system re-design i.e. care pathways

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The risks to the organisation in maintaining quality whilst reducing staffing levels and overall savings to meet the government efficiency targets cannot be underestimated.

We have a whole programme of risk management and monitoring processes to ensure that we are aware of the risk, we can mitigate them as much as possible and we can monitor them so that we are aware of any deterioration as soon as possible.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The performance and quality of a key partner such as the Rotherham Foundation Trust has a particular impact on the delivery of Rotherham's Health and Well Being Strategy.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The two attached reports highlight progress made during quarters one and two in relation to the Quality Accounts of The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust. The accounts include executive summaries. The Quality Strategy also sets out the aims of the Trust over the next three years.

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