

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018 AT 10.00AM

**Item 6
Appendix 1**

PROPOSED FORMAT FOR THE SCRUTINY OF THE NHS QUALITY ACCOUNTS

Report of the Head of Scrutiny

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide Members with the format for the Committee's scrutiny of each health organisation's Quality Account taking place in March 2018.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Quality Accounts are annual reports about the quality of services provided by an NHS healthcare service. They are published by each NHS healthcare provider and are made available to the public. The aim of a Quality Account is to ensure a focus on patient outcomes.
- 2.2 At its meetings in March 2018 the Committee will consider the Quality Accounts of
- East & North Herts Hospital Trust (ENHT)
 - West Herts Hospital Trust (WHHT)
 - Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH)
 - East of England Ambulance Trust (EEAST)
 - Herts University Partnership Foundation Trust (HPFT)
 - Herts Community Trust (HCT)
- 2.3 The scrutiny will be conducted over two days (15 and 29 March 2018). Members of the Committee will break into three groups. Each group will be located in a separate room and gather the evidence under the direction of a chairman. The groups will hear from one organisation during the morning session and a second in the afternoon.
- 2.4 A graduate from the HCC management scheme has been allocated to each group. The graduate will review the papers and work with the chairman of the group to develop lines of inquiry. These will be shared by the group chairman in advance of the scrutiny. Time has been set aside before the Committee convenes for each group to meet (morning and afternoon) and agree the areas it wishes to focus on.
- 2.5 A member of the Healthwatch Hertfordshire Board will join each group.

- 2.6 The Committee will meet in the Council Chamber at 9.45am for a brief introduction to the scrutiny.
- 2.7 The Quality Accounts pack will include
- The Programme for the two days deliberations
 - Written responses from health organisations to questions agreed by the Committee at its meeting October 2017
 - Relevant information from December's financial scrutiny of health organisations
 - Glossary and notes
- 2.6 The Committee will reconvene at 10.00am on Thursday, 29 March 2018 to consider its evidence, reach its conclusions and formulate its recommendations.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Committee agrees the proposed format for its scrutiny of the Quality Accounts 2018

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background Information

<http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/684/Committee/12/Default.aspx>