

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 2018**

Agenda Item No

**SCRUTINY OF THE QUALITY ACCOUNT PRIORITIES 2017/18 - 2018/19: REPORT  
OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Report of the Head of Scrutiny

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the outcomes of the Quality Accounts scrutiny undertaken by members 15 and 29 March 2018.

**2. Summary and Background**

- 2.1 The Committee's scrutiny of the Quality Account priorities 2017/18 - 2018/19 was conducted over two days. On 15 March 2018 members of the Committee, board members of Healthwatch Hertfordshire and other participating County Councillors gathered evidence from selected health providers regarding the health trusts' Quality Account priorities. The session concluded on 29 March 2018, when the Committee agreed its recommendations, risks and scrutiny activity.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Committee agrees its recommendations as to providers (appendix 1). Trusts are expected to provide a response by 20 April
- 3.2 The Committee agrees the scrutiny activity (appendix 2)
- 3.2.1 scrutinies to be added to the work programme
- 3.2.2 lunchtime seminars
- 3.2.3 bulletins
- 3.2.4 site visits

3.2.5 to achieve a balanced future work programme

3.3 The Committee agrees the risks (appendix 3) for response by 20 April

3.4 The Committee notes the provider observations (appendix 4)

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications rising from this report.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered, the equality implications of the decision that they are making.

5.2 Rigorous consideration will ensure proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the County Council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) produced by officers.

5.3 The Equality Act 2010 requires the County Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief; sex and sexual orientation.

#### **Background Information**

Link to reports & Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Committee meetings

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