

**6 January 2013****Agenda Item: 7**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **QUALITY ACCOUNTS – CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITIES**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Quality Account priorities of Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. Organisations providing healthcare services are required to produce an annual report to the public about the quality of their services. It aims to enhance accountability to the public and engage the organisation in its quality improvement agenda, reflecting the three domains of quality, patient safety, clinical effectiveness and patient experience. Health Scrutiny Committees have the option to consider the draft Quality Accounts of trusts and comment on them. The comment is placed within text of the published version of the report.
3. Trusts commence to develop the priorities that will inform the content of their Quality Accounts early in each calendar year. Both Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Foundation Trust were invited to present their priorities at this meeting. However, Doncaster and Bassetlaw's priorities have not yet been considered by their Board and so consideration of these priorities has been deferred until the February meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee.
4. Members will consider the draft Quality Accounts themselves later in the year and develop their comment for inclusion in the report at that time.
5. Members should be aware that some Quality Accounts for organisations that operate within the geographical county fall within the remit of the Joint Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Health Scrutiny Committee. These are East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust.
6. A representative of Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will attend the committee to explain the priorities and answer questions.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the Health Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the Quality Account priorities.

**Councillor Kate Foale**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

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