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## **Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

### **Report of the Lead for Law and Governance**

#### **NHS Quality Accounts 2021/22**

##### **Purpose**

1. To consider the draft Quality Reports and Accounts of NHS providers for 2021/22 and the priorities set out for the services for the forthcoming year.

##### **Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that the Committee:-
  - Note the contents of the reports and appendices to the report;
  - Provide feedback and comments on the draft quality reports and accounts of NHS providers.

##### **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. Publication of QA's occur annually and providers are required to publish their QA's on the National Health Services Choices website.
4. Members are requested to provide feedback and make comments on the draft QA's, prior to submission to NHS Partners for consideration to be given to incorporating into the final version.
5. Representatives from NHS organisations will be in attendance at the meeting to present a summary of their QAs to Members. 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 1.

- Members may also wish to provide a short statement to each NHS organisation following the Scrutiny Committee, to endorse them and/or highlight particular points of praise or concern in the provider's Quality Accounts; these statements may be included in final versions of the Quality Accounts.
- Final versions of the QA's will be circulated to Members electronically accordingly.

### **Finance**

- 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**

- Scrutiny 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**

- The Council is committed to adopting best practice in its management of risk. It aims to ensure risk is maintained at an acceptable level in order to maximise opportunities and demonstrate that it has given full consideration of the implications of risk to the delivery and achievement of its outcomes, strategic aims and priorities.

### **Equality Impact**

- 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**

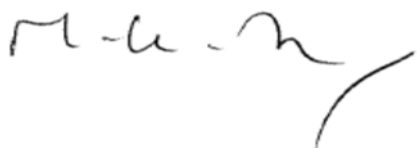
- Human resources and organisational development implications for NHS Providers have been addressed within each respective draft QA report.

### **Commercial/Procurement**

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

## **Council Priorities**

14. 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.



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## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Quality Account Checklist
- Appendix 2 - Quality Accounts of NHS Providers 2021/22