

Scrutiny Committee

Supplementary Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 14th June, 2022
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

6. **Feedback on Quality Accounts: Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**
(Pages 3 - 4)

For the Committee to provide commentary on the Mid Cheshire NHS Foundation Trust (MCNHSFT) Quality Accounts which will be incorporated into the final document before it is published, as per NHS England and NHS Improvement recommendations to allow scrutiny and comment.

Cover Report

10. **Place Partnership Board Update** (Pages 5 - 6)

For the Committee to note the progress on the new governance arrangements for local Health and Care services, to consider and comment on the proposed joint scrutiny arrangements for Cheshire & Merseyside and approve the amended 'Protocol for the establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements in Cheshire and Merseyside'.

Comments from the Adults & Health Committee

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Mid Cheshire Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

MCHFT QUALITY ACCOUNT 2021/22

1.0 Why is this item before the Scrutiny Committee?

MCHFT's Quality Account is an annual report to the people we serve about the quality of services we provide. We would like to present an overview of what we have achieved over the past year 2021-22, to improve the quality of care and treatment we deliver and our ambitions for the coming year.

2.0 What is Scrutiny being asked to do?

Thank you for the received Commentary on our Quality Account which is incorporated into the final document before it is published on June 30th 2022, as per NHS England and NHS Improvement recommendations to allow scrutiny and comment. The presentation gives an overview of the overall Quality Account 2021-22.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The aim in reviewing and publishing information about quality is so that MCHFT can demonstrate public accountability by listening to and involving the public, partner agencies and, most importantly, acting on feedback we receive. The Quality Account is Published on the Trust website.

4.0 SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

For the year 2020/21 the Trust continued to deliver a high quality, timely service to our patients. Prior to the suspension of non-urgent clinical activity due to Covid-19, the Trust's waiting times in elective and cancer care were one of the highest performing in the country. We are now working hard to restore these services fully whilst operating in this new world challenged by the threat of Covid-19 infection.

Key achievements for the Trust in 2020/21 include;

- In response to the Pandemic, the Trust launched a Be safe Be EQUIPPED Campaign aimed to make our workplace as safe as possible. The Trust was shortlisted for a Nursing Times award for this Campaign.
- The Quality Metrics tool that drives the Ward Accreditation process has been reviewed and adapted during 2020-21 supporting continuous improvement of quality of services and safeguarding high standards of care during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- In June 2020, the Trust appointed a Head of Nursing for Safe Staffing and Workforce Utilisation providing assurance that the Trust plans safe staffing levels across all in-patient ward areas.
- The Trust maintained their CQC rating of "Good" for the Use of Resources assessment following the latest inspection.
- The Trust pledged to the Nursing Times Covid-19: Are You OK campaign? Which aims to raise awareness of the potential long-term impact of working during a pandemic on nurses' mental health and wellbeing.

5.0 How will this review by Scrutiny make a difference to those living or working in the Borough

We are determined to work in partnership to deliver the best outcomes nationally for the population we serve.

6.0 How does this review link to the Council's priorities?

MCHFTs Quality Account and ambitions fully support the Council's priority to enable residents to benefit from good health and wellbeing. Many of our Quality Improvement projects reflect the aims of the National Patient Safety Strategy and the NHS Long Term Plan. Patient safety is central to all that we do at MCHFT.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14 JUNE 2022**Item 10 - Place Partnership Board**

Extract from the Minutes of the Adult and Health Committee meeting on 20 May 2022

5 PLACE PARTNERSHIP BOARD UPDATE

The Committee considered a report which noted the progress on the new governance arrangements for local Health and Care services. The Committee were asked to consider and comment on the proposed joint scrutiny arrangements for Cheshire & Merseyside and approve the amended 'Protocol for the establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements in Cheshire and Merseyside'.

The Committee heard that the joint health scrutiny arrangements would collectively take on the statutory responsibility to oversee and scrutinise the operation of the ICS at Cheshire and Merseyside level or any part of it, where more than one authority was affected.

There was extensive debate on how the figures on political balance had been arrived at, and members were advised that the Committee must be politically balanced across the whole region, which resulted in one Labour member from each Council and one Independent from Cheshire East, as this had the highest number of Independent councillors. Some members were unhappy with the political balance arrangements and a question was asked as to whether the Council could challenge the decision on political balance through the Secretary of State. It was agreed that the Director of Governance and Compliance would provide a written response to this question.

Members sought reassurance that Cheshire East would not be disadvantaged by the arrangements, and they were informed that this would not affect the ability of the Council to scrutinise health decisions which affect their area.

Members also questioned where the membership would be drawn from. Some members felt this should be from the existing Scrutiny Committee as they had expertise in this area.

RESOLVED that:

1. The progress to date on the Place Partnership Board be noted.
2. The Adults and Health Committee recommend to Council that the establishment of a Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee be approved.
3. That the amended 'Protocol for the establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements in Cheshire and Merseyside' be adopted.

(Councillor J Clowes, Councillor S Gardiner and Councillor A Kolker requested it be minuted that they voted against the recommendations).