

Council of Governors

Subject:	Quality Account	Date: 01.08.2022		
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Purpose				
Presentation of the 2021-2022 SFHT Quality Account		Approval		
		Assurance	X	
		Update	X	
		Consider		
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
X	X	X	X	X
Indicate which strategic objective(s) the report support				
Identify which principal risk this report relates to:				
PR1	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care			X
PR2	Demand that overwhelms capacity			X
PR3	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability			X
PR4	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy			X
PR5	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation			X
PR6	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits			X
PR7	Major disruptive incident			X
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change			X
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Quality Committee June 2022				
Executive Summary				
<p>Providers of NHS healthcare are required to publish a Quality Account (QA) each year as set out by the Health Act 2009, and in the terms set out in the National Health Service Regulations 2010 ('the Quality Accounts regulations').</p> <p>NHS England and NHS Improvement require all NHS foundation trusts to produce quality reports as part of their annual reports. Quality reports help trusts improve public accountability for the quality of care they provide. The quality report incorporates all the requirements of the QA regulations as well as additional reporting requirements.</p> <p>The process for producing QA remains the same as previous years with the following 4 exceptions for 2022 submission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>NHS foundation trusts are no longer required to produce a Quality Report as part of their Annual Report. NHS foundation trusts will continue to produce a separate Quality Account for 2021-22.</i> <i>There is no national requirement for NHS foundation trusts to obtain external auditor assurance on the quality account</i> <i>The publication process has been amended. Providers must publish their Quality Accounts on their own websites by 30 June 2022 (not NHS Choices), and forward</i> 				

the link to quality-accounts@nhs.net (NHS providers) and QualityAccounts@dhsc.gov.uk (independent providers).

- 4. Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) will assume Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) responsibilities for the review and scrutiny of Quality Accounts, subject to the Health and Care Bill receiving Royal Assent.*

To obtain assurance, the authors have scrutinised and ratified the QA data. In addition to presenting the QA to the CCG (now ICB), the QA has been presented to Healthwatch and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment. These comments are included in the final QA. The Medical Director, Chief Nurse and Non-executive lead have all been involved in the production of the QA.

The QA priorities for 2022/2023 were agreed with the launch of the 2022-2025 Quality Strategy. Priorities were presented to Quality Committee and Council of Governors for agreement and approval prior to completion of the QA.

In line with the submission criteria, the QA were submitted on 30th June 2022 and published on the SFHT website. A link has been forwarded to NHS providers and the DOH to comply with submission and legislative requirements to be presented to parliament.

The Council of Governors are asked to:

- acknowledge the submission and completion of the SFHT 2021-2022 QA
- recommend the submission of the QA to the Annual General Meeting in September 2022.