

**SCRUTINY BOARD
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**ITEM 11: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust: Care Quality Commission
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NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group

**Statement re Progress and Monitoring of Actions Undertaken by Leeds
Teaching Hospitals in Response to CQC Inspection**

Following the Care Quality Commission's (CQCs) inspection of Leeds Teaching Hospitals in March 2014 and the publication of the associated report in July 2014, Leeds West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has maintained oversight of the action plan drawn up by the Trust in response to the 17 'must do' recommendations. At the Quality Summit where the CQC presented their findings, it was agreed that the Trust Development Authority would be the primary body responsible for monitoring the plan and associated actions. However, as the lead commissioner of the Trust on behalf of the three Leeds CCGs and associate CCGs across the region, Leeds West CCG also has a responsibility to seek assurance that the recommendations have been addressed and that the Trust provides safe, effective care.

In support of this the Trust's action plan and response has been presented to the joint Leeds West CCG/Leeds Teaching Hospitals Quality Group on a number of occasions, providing opportunity for the CCG to seek assurance that the actions have been implemented and the issues highlighted have been addressed.

The Quality Group convenes on a monthly basis and examines a wide range of quality issues and indicators, and is the prime CCG mechanism for quality assurance at the Trust. This meeting is a high-level meeting held as part of the contract arrangements with LTH, and it is chaired by the Leeds West CCG Director of Nursing and Quality. Membership includes medical and nursing directors of the CCG and Trust as well as senior quality, governance, commissioning and contracting managers from both organisations. The purpose of the group is also to monitor local and nationally published quality-related reports and to monitor the associated action plans where relevant. As such the CQC inspection action plan was presented to the July and September meetings and is also scheduled for discussion at the January Quality Group Meeting. An update was also provided to the Leeds Quality Surveillance Group, a high-level multi-agency group whose function is to have oversight of healthcare quality in Leeds and act as a mechanism to share issues, concerns and good practice. This group includes representatives from the CQC, Healthwatch and the Local Authority.

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The CCG is satisfied that the Trust has responded to and addressed the ‘must do’ recommendations made by the CQC, and continues to receive information in relation to issues highlighted in the inspection report. For example the Trust has a major recruitment initiative underway and the CCG receives regular updates on the number of new staff entering the Trust. The CCG also receives a detailed report on staffing levels and other safety indicators on an individual ward basis so is sighted of staffing issues across the organisation.

Ongoing assurance of other issues highlighted in the inspection report will also continue to be sought as part of the reporting/assurance mechanisms outlined above. This includes the recommendations highlighted as ‘should do’, which have been assimilated into the Trust’s ongoing work programmes.

The CCG believes that the arrangements described above allow for continued oversight and robust assurance of the issues highlighted as part of the inspection, and we are assured that the Trust has responded to the inspection report comprehensively and sustainably.

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Prior to the formal submission to the CQC LTHT submitted their Chief Inspector of Hospitals visit action plan to the TDA for review. Following this review, comments on specific areas were sent to the Trust who revised sections of their plan accordingly and then submitted to the CQC.

The TDA currently has good assurance with the Trust's progress against their plan and is confident that the Trust is progressing areas whilst also being aware of any risks to current delivery.

The TDA continues to monitor the Trust against key quality measures on a monthly basis at integrated delivery meetings which include TDA North members and the Trust's executive team. The progress and actions against the Trust's CIH action plan are monitored here.

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