

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)**

**Date: 24 November 2015**

**Subject: Care Quality Commission (CQC) – Inspection Outcomes**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is provide members of the Scrutiny Board with details of recently reported Care Quality Commission inspection outcomes for health and social care providers across Leeds, alongside additional information regarding the monitoring of quality and regulation of health and social care providers in Leeds.

**2 Summary of main issues**

- 2.1 Established in 2009, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) regulates all health and social care services in England and ensures the quality and safety of care in hospitals, dentists, ambulances, and care homes, and the care given in people’s own homes. The CQC routinely inspects health and social care service providers, publishing its inspection reports, findings and judgments.
- 2.2 To help ensure the Scrutiny Board maintains a focus on the quality of health and social care services, the purpose of this report is provide an overview of recently reported CQC inspection outcomes for health and social care providers across Leeds.
- 2.3 Since the beginning of the current municipal year, processes for routinely presenting and reporting CQC inspection outcomes to the Scrutiny Board on a monthly basis have been established. Such processes continue to be developed and refined in order to help the Scrutiny Board maintain an overview of quality across local health and social care service providers.

### CQC Inspection reports

- 2.4 Appendix 1 provides a summary of the inspection outcomes reported to the Scrutiny Board during the current municipal year. It also specifically highlights reports published since the Board's previous meeting in October 2015 for consideration by the Scrutiny Board. The full inspection reports are available from the CQC website and links to individual inspection reports are included in Appendix 1; however the full inspection reports are not routinely provided as part of this report.
- 2.5 A further update will be provided at the meeting should the details of any further inspection reports become available.
- 2.6 A CQC representative was invited to the Scrutiny Board meeting, but is unable to attend. It is hoped a representative will attend the Board's meeting in December 2015.

### Scrutiny Board visits

- 2.7 At the previous Board meeting, there was discussion around the potential of a series of joint HealthWatch and Scrutiny Board visits to some service providers to help inform Members' understanding of service quality. Positive discussions have taken place with Healthwatch Leeds in this regard with a view to establishing a programme of visits in the near future. More details will be provided as and when they become available.

### Adult Social Care Monitoring

- 2.8 To help members' understanding of Adult Social Services' role in maintaining an overview of quality across adult social care providers and its relationship with the CQC, a briefing note is provided at Appendix 2.
- 2.9 Appropriate representatives from Adult Social Services have been invited to attend the meeting to address any specific queries from members of the Scrutiny Board.

### CQC consultation and engagement

- 2.10 Since the previous meeting in October 2015, it has come to light that the CQC has commenced some engagement and consultation activity around (a) the future of health and care quality regulation – attached at Appendix 2, and (b) regulatory fees (from April 2016) – attached at Appendix 3.
- 2.11 The closing date for responses to the engagement work around the future of health and care quality regulation is 22 November 2015. The consultation on the proposals for regulatory fees remains open until 15 January 2016.

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Scrutiny Board considers the details set out in this report and its appendices and determines any further scrutiny activity and/or actions, as appropriate.

## **4. Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

4.1 None used.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.