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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

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Subject: Quality Accounts (2008/09)

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
	Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap

1.0 **Purpose of this Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present, for comment, the draft Quality Accounts (2009/10) for Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) and Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust (LPFT).

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting in January 2010, the Scrutiny Board was advised of the new Quality Framework for all providers of NHS services¹ and the requirement for all providers of NHS services to publish Quality Accounts. Quality Accounts are a key component of the new quality framework, and are intended to be an annual public report on the quality of health care services delivered.
- 2.2 A key requirement when producing and publishing Quality Accounts is to provide the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Health the opportunity to review and supply a statement, for inclusion in a provider's Quality Account. It should be noted that there is no requirement for the Scrutiny Board (Health) to produce a statement, and any such undertaking is done purely on a voluntary basis.

3.0 Draft Quality Accounts (2009/10)

3.1 Both LTHT and LPFT have produced draft Quality Accounts, which are now presented to the Scrutiny Board for consideration and, if appropriate, comment.

¹ Set out in the publication of the outcome of Lord Darzi's next stage review of the NHS (*High Quality Care for All*), June 2008

- 3.2 The draft Quality Account produced by LPFT is presented at Appendix 1. A statement from Leeds LINk is included within the current draft and an accompanying assurance statement, produced by NHS Leeds (as service commissioners), is presented as Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The draft Quality Account produced by LTHT is presented at Appendix 3. At the time of writing this report, a statement from Leeds LINk had not yet been received and NHS Leeds (as service commissioners) is currently producing its assurance statement. It is anticipated that the assurance statement from NHS Leeds will be available at the meeting.
- 3.4 Representatives from NHS Leeds, LTHT and LPFT have been invited to attend the meeting to outline the main themes within the draft Quality Accounts and address any specific questions identified by the Scrutiny Board.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to:
 - 4.1.1 Consider the information presented in this report and the associated draft Quality Accounts;
 - 4.1.2 Identify and agree any specific comments for inclusion in a statement on the draft Quality Accounts produced by LTHT and LPFT, respectively.
 - 4.1.3 respective any areas that merit further scrutiny.

5.0 Background Papers

Scrutiny Board (Health): Update Work Programme 2009/10 (26 January 2010)