

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy & Performance Board  
**DATE:** 4 June 2013  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Communities  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Adults  
**SUBJECT:** Provider Quality Accounts update  
**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Health Policy and Performance Board with an update regarding the provider Quality Accounts 2012/13 that have been received and commented on.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That: The Board note the report and appended briefing note.**

### 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Organisations providing healthcare arranged and funded by the NHS produce an annual Quality Account.

3.2 Healthcare providers publishing Quality Accounts have a legal duty to send their Quality Account to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) in the Local Authority area, inviting comments on the report prior to publication.

3.3 The OSC then have the opportunity to read over the Quality Accounts, review the information that is included and produce a statement covering their view of the content of the document.

3.4 Healthcare providers are legally obliged to publish the statement from the OSC as part of their Quality Account.

3.5 Healthcare providers have a similar duty with their local Clinical Commissioning Groups and as such, both organisations agreed to host a Joint Quality Accounts event for the first time whereby Healthcare providers are invited to present a summary of their Quality Accounts. A briefing note about the event is appended to this report.

3.6 The event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and providers that are attending are:

- Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust

- Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Halton Haven Hospice
- 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Quality Accounts have also been received from Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, although they are not attending the event.

- 3.7 In respect of the OSC, comments and views on the Quality Accounts will be in the form of a written letter to each provider following the event. Halton Clinical Commissioning Group will send separate comments.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None identified.

#### **5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None identified.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

N/A

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

N/A

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The Quality Accounts demonstrate performance in healthcare with providers that provide services to the residents of Halton to enable improvement in these areas to be measured, therefore improving outcomes for people using the services.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

N/A

##### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 Annual monitoring of the Quality Accounts ensures that priority areas for improvement are closely observed. Measures are then put in place to improve standards where necessary.

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 None identified.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the Meaning of the Act.