

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD – 26 June 2014

Paper Title:	Quality Account 2013/14
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Purpose: <i>The purpose of bringing the report to the board</i>	To approve the annual quality account
Action required by the board:	Board members are asked to approve the quality account
Document previously considered by: <i>Name of the committee which has previously considered this paper / proposals</i>	EMT Audit Committee

Executive summary

All trusts are required to produce an annual Quality Account (QA) which describes the trusts commitments and progress against a range of indicators, some of which are nationally set whilst others are locally agreed with stakeholders.

The QA has been developed in accordance with the DH Quality Accounts Toolkit and DH Gateway Ref: 000931. All data is consistent with quarterly Board Quality Reports and the Health and Social Care Information Centre.

Internally the QA has been reviewed by Executive Management Team and Quality & Risk Committee, and has been reviewed by the trust's external auditors to ensure compliance.

The QA has been shared with Wandsworth CCG, Wandsworth and Merton Councils and both Wandsworth and Merton Healthwatch. These stakeholders can each provide a formal statement that are published verbatim in the QA.

The QA must be submitted to the DH and published on the trust and NHS Choices websites by 30th June 2014.

The draft QA was reviewed by the audit committee on 5th June. At that meeting, the committee the trust's external auditors, Grant Thornton, gave the committee assurance that the draft report complies with good practice. Two indicators had been chosen by the auditors for random testing. This testing, at the time of writing, is not yet complete but will be completed and a final audit opinion provided before board approval.

The committee agreed to recommend the Quality Account for approval, subject to the amendments to be made and final audit opinion.

Statements have been received from Wandsworth Council and Healthwatch Wandsworth. Statements are expected from Wandsworth CCG.

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to note the audit opinion (to follow) and approve the trust's Quality Account for 2013/14.

Key risks identified:

Are there any risks identified in the paper (impact on achieving corporate objectives) – e.g. quality, financial performance, compliance with legislation or regulatory requirements?

Risks are detailed in the report under each section.

Related Corporate Objective:

All corporate objectives

Reference to corporate objective that this paper refers to.

Related CQC Standard:

N/A

Reference to CQC standard that this paper refers to.

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA): Has an EIA been carried out? Yes

If yes, please provide a summary of the key findings

No specific groups of patients or community will be affected by the initiatives detailed in the report. Where there may be an impact on patients then consultation will be managed as part of that specific programme.

If no, please explain your reasons for not undertaking an EIA.