

Report of the Assistant Director Governance & ICT

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report 2015/16

Summary

1. This report presents the Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee with the Annual Report of the Chief Executive of York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, which details the performance and challenges faced by the hospital during financial period 2015/16.

Background

2. The Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee last considered the Annual Report from the Chief Executive of York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust at their meeting on 16 September 2015. The purpose of this report is to keep members up to date on the work of the Trust.
3. At the September 2015 meeting it was noted that the Trust faced increased demands for services and efficiency targets. The Trust had reported its first ever deficit in 2014/15 and a larger deficit was predicted for the coming financial year.
4. Members also noted the recruitment difficulties being experienced by the Trust and the strategies put into place to address this issue. They also noted how the use of locum staff had impacted on the budget situation, although efforts were being made to avoid using those private agencies which charged the highest rate.
5. Members were told that the vast majority of patients had a good experience of services but areas of challenge continued to be emergency department waiting times and the 18 week referral to cancer treatment targets.

6. Members were informed of the actions that were being taken to address emergency department waiting times. Staff continued to prioritise patients with greatest clinical need but it was a cause of concern that patients were attending the emergency department who should have been seen by their GP. One strategy that had been implemented was having GPs work in the department and this had proved to be useful.

Consultation

7. The information included in the annexes to this report forms part of the Committee's regular consultation with the hospital trust in relation to the trust's performance. The Annual Review 2015/16 is published at Annex 1, the full 277-page Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 at Annex 2 is available online.

Analysis

8. This report and its annexes are presented to the Committee for information only. A representative from the Hospital Trust will be at the meeting to answer any questions Members may have.

Council Plan

9. This report and its annexes are directly linked with the Focus on Frontline Services element of the Council Plan.

Implications

10. There are no implications directly associated with this report.

Risk Management

11. There are no risks directly associated with this report.

Recommendations

12. The Committee are asked to consider and comment on the information provided in this report and its annexes and to ask questions of the Hospital Trust representative at the meeting should there be issues needing clarification.

Reason: To inform the Committee of the work of the Trust.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes

Annex 1 – York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Annual Review

Annex 2 – York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report and Accounts (online only)