

Report of the Assistant Director Governance & ICT

Cover Report to the Care Quality Commission's presentation on the new approach to the inspection of care homes

Summary

1. This report presents information on the principles that will guide how the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspects and regulates care services in the future and asks Members to consider how the Committee can support the inspections and provide feedback of information from local people to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Background

2. At a meeting in late November 2014 this Committee received a Quality Standards Report on residential, nursing and homecare services which detailed a new approach to the regulation and inspection of care homes, first initiated by the CQC in October 2014.
3. Members were told that the Lead CQC Inspector for the North had offered to attend a Health OSC meeting to give a short presentation on the new inspection process and answer any questions Members may have. The Committee resolved to invite the Lead CQC Inspector for the North to a future meeting.
4. The new inspections model will work on asking five key questions of the services:
 - Are they safe?
 - Are they effective?
 - Are they caring?
 - Are they well led?
 - Are they responsive to what people tell them?

5. The CQC presentation at Annex A gives an overview of:
 - the CQC's new strategy
 - the changing approach to regulating, inspecting and rating services;
 - how the CQC wants to work with the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Consultation

6. The CQC wants to use any information available from Health OSCs to support the inspections, especially feedback from local people.

Analysis

7. This report is provided for information only.

Council Plan

8. The information provided in Annex A is linked to the Protect Vulnerable People element of the Council Plan 2011-15.

Implications and Risks

9. There are no Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT, Property or other implications and there are no risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note the content of this report and its annex, make whatever comments they feel necessary and consider how the Committee can support the inspections and facilitate the feedback of information to the CQC.

Reason: To update the Committee on the CQC's new approach to regulating and inspecting services.

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Annexes

Annex A – Care Quality Commission presentation on the new inspection process