

## HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

11 August 2015

### South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Update

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present the panel with an outline of the purpose of the meeting.

#### BACKGROUND

2. The panel agreed their work programme on 30 June, as part of that programme the panel wanted to receive an update from the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on a number of issues which included
  - a) **Finance** - Update on the Trust's financial position since the last update to the panel in August 2014. Members are particularly interested in finding out more information about the financial penalties that the Trust may have received for not meeting the NHS 18 week target. They also want to gain an understanding of how penalties could be reinvested into improving services.
  - b) **CQC inspection** - Details of the inspection –the key findings and what the Trust is doing to make improvements in the areas that the CQC have outlined as requiring improvement.
  - c) **Monitor** – Update on the regulatory action and ongoing monthly monitoring of the Trust's progress against the action plan. Including an update on Health Care Associated Infections.
  - d) **Costs** – Agency nurses, is the Trust still using agency nurses and if so what is being done to bring to bring this cost down?
  - e) **Overall** – How does the cost improvement programme impact on patients and patient safety?
3. Senior Members of the Trust will be in attendance today to take members of the panel through the above, the steps that are being taken to make improvements, implement the transformational changes and address the budget issues (further details can be found at appendix 1).

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

4. For this meeting the following representatives will be in attendance
  - Professor Tricia Hart, Chief Executive
  - Maxime Hewitt-Smith – Deputy Director of Finances

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. That the panel note the presentation and agree if any further information/action is required at this stage.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. It is recommended that the position be noted; Members make any recommendations where appropriate and agree if there are areas which need further investigation.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are no background papers for this report.

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