

**Report to:** East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)

**Date of meeting:** 29 September 2016

**By:** Assistant Chief Executive

**Title:** East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) – Maternity Services

**Purpose:** To consider the work undertaken to develop maternity services as part of ESHT’s QIP and the current performance of the services.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) to consider and comment on the attached report from ESHT (appendix 1)**
  - 2) to agree any future updates on specific areas of ESHT’s quality improvement programme.**
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### **1. Background**

1.1. In July 2015, The Care Quality Commission (CQC) rated East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) as ‘inadequate’ following a second inspection of the Trust. As a result, ESHT was placed in special measures by the NHS Trust Development Authority (TDA).

1.2. As part of the special measures process the TDA – now NHS Improvement – required ESHT to produce a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) that detailed the sustainable improvements ESHT’s new leadership team would make to the Trust’s services in order to address the issues raised by CQC.

1.3. HOSC agreed to establish a Review Board to examine ESHT’s quality improvement planning. The Review Board looked at the leadership and culture at ESHT and, in five sub-groups, visited each of the five service areas rated as inadequate: health records, maternity, outpatients, pharmacy, and surgery. HOSC endorsed the Review Board’s final report in March 2016. In June 2016 ESHT formally responded to the report, welcoming the committee’s recommendations and outlining progress against each of them.

### **2. Supporting information**

2.1. In June, HOSC requested a further specific report on the development and performance of the Trust’s maternity services.

2.2. The report provided by ESHT (appendix 1) outlines the work which has been undertaken by the Trust as part of the QIP developed in response to the CQC findings. It also outlines a wider review which has been undertaken in order to develop a maternity vision and strategy, and provides information on the current performance of the service.

### **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1. HOSC is invited to consider and comment on the ESHT report and to agree any future updates on other specific areas of ESHT’s quality improvement programme.

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