

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

Date: **16 June 2015**

By: **Assistant Chief Executive**

Title: **Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT): Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Report**

Purpose: **To consider the recent CQC report on SPFT services and how the issue should be dealt with by the HOSC.**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**HOSC is recommended:**

- 1) To consider and comment on the issue of the Care Quality Commission inspection of Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust services;**
  - 2) To identify any specific arrangements for future reporting to HOSC on this issue.**
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### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and care services in England. The CQC inspects health and care providers and publishes reports detailing its inspection findings.
- 1.2 Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT) is the main NHS provider of mental health, learning disability and substance misuse services across Sussex, as well as providing specialist mental health services across the region.
- 1.3 The CQC inspected SPFT services in January 2015 and published its findings as a Quality Report on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The relevant CQC reports can be found here: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RX2>
- 1.4 The CQC held a Quality Summit on 22 May 2015 to present its report to stakeholders ahead of publication. A briefing note from this meeting prepared by colleagues in ESCC social care is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. The briefing note provides details of the CQC Quality Report and responses to the CQC report from the SPFT Chief Executive and from key East Sussex stakeholders. In short, SPFT received an overall grading of "Requires Improvement", although a number of its services were ranked as "Good" or "Outstanding" in one or more of the CQC's quality domains. The CQC expressed confidence in the ability of SPFT's senior management to undertake the necessary organisational improvements.
- 1.5 As SPFT is a pan-Sussex provider, the HOSC has recently been engaging with the Trust principally via an informal joint committee with West Sussex County Council HASC and Brighton & Hove City Council HOSC. There are plans to schedule a meeting of this joint committee in July/August 2015 and it is proposed that initial HOSC scrutiny of the CQC report and SPFT quality improvement planning in response to the report is undertaken jointly at this meeting. A report-back from this meeting will be presented to the HOSC at the 01 October 2015 committee alongside SPFT's detailed Quality Improvement Plan.

## **2. Conclusion and recommendation**

- 2.1 HOSC members are asked to consider and comment on the HOSC's plans to scrutinise the CQC Quality Report on SPFT services.

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### **Appendices**

#### **Appendix 1 – Summary of SPFT Quality Summit**