

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

Date: **1 October 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 SPFT planning in response to the report**

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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 (SPFT) services;**
  - 2) To make comments on the SPFT report (Appendix 1)**
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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 social 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 report(s) 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. 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 organisational improvements that it required. More details of the CQC’s findings as they relate to East Sussex services are included in the papers provided by SPFT (**Appendix 1**).
- 1.5 NHS trusts inspected by the CQC must produce a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) setting out the changes they intend to make in order to respond to the CQC’s findings. A paper from SPFT detailing their actions in East Sussex in response to the CQC’s findings is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. The QIP will not be formally signed-off until November, so will be presented to HOSC members at a future meeting.
- 1.6 SPFT is a pan-Sussex provider, and in recognition of this, an informal joint committee of Sussex HOSCs meets periodically to consider SPFT performance issues. This joint HOSC met with SPFT on 30 June 2015 to discuss the CQC inspection report. Cllrs Ensor and O’Keeffe attended on behalf of East Sussex HOSC. At this meeting the Chief Executive of

SPFT outlined the trust's plans to respond to the CQC inspection reports. The minutes of this meeting have been circulated separately to HOSC members.

## **2. Conclusion and recommendation**

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

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