

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

Date of meeting: 30 June 2016

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH) Care Quality Commission (CQC) update

Purpose: To update HOSC on recent CQC activity in relation to BSUH.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) to consider and comment on the attached report**
 - 2) to request a further update in September 2016**
 - 3) to liaise with West Sussex and Brighton & Hove HOSCs regarding ongoing scrutiny of BSUH's response to CQC**
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1 Background

1.1 The Care Quality Commission (CQC), the national health and social care regulator, has an ongoing programme for inspecting all NHS hospital trusts. CQC's inspections of services are based around five key questions:

- Are they safe?
- Are they effective?
- Are they caring?
- Are they responsive to people's needs?
- Are they well-led?

1.2 Inspections result in an overall rating for the Trust of inadequate, requires improvement, good or outstanding. Ratings are also given for each of the five questions and each of the core services inspected.

2 Supporting information

2.1 BSUH was last inspected in April 2016. The full report has not yet been published. However, CQC has issued a warning notice to the Trust setting out some immediate concerns about its services. CQC's press release, which was published on 20 June, is attached at **appendix 1**. It indicates that the Trust has until 30 August to make necessary changes in response to CQC's concerns.

2.2 A letter from the Trust's Chief Executive (who took up her post in April 2016) to the HOSC Chair in relation to the warning notice is attached at **appendix 2**. This invites the HOSC Chair to meet with the Chief Executive for a fuller briefing, which is currently being arranged.

2.3 Members are invited to highlight any immediate questions which can be taken forward initially with the Chief Executive at the briefing meeting.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 HOSC is recommended to consider and comment on the report. Given the CQC deadline of 30 August, and the possibility that the full CQC report may be available later in the summer, it is recommended that a further update is scheduled for September's meeting.

3.2 Both West Sussex and Brighton & Hove HOSCs will also have a strong interest in the Trust's response to CQC. It is recommended that HOSC liaise with the neighbouring committees in order to co-ordinate ongoing scrutiny where possible.

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