

Committee:	Date(s):
Health and Social Care Scrutiny	16 th July 2013
Subject: Bart's Health Trust Quality Accounts Update	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
Summary	
<p>This report sets out the approach the Corporation has taken to scrutinising the Bart's Health Trust Quality Accounts as part of the Inner North East London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Health (INEL JOSC).</p>	
Recommendations	
<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse the approach taken to scrutinising the Homerton University Hospital Quality Accounts. • Note the written submission to the Barts' Health Trust Quality Accounts from the Chair of the INEL JOSC (Appendix B to this report). 	

Main Report

Background

1. All NHS Hospitals are required to produce annual quality accounts setting out their approach to all aspects of hospital services. Scrutiny Committees from any geographic area served by a hospital have an opportunity to make comments and raise issues about the accounts. These are included within the final documents submitted to the Department of Health.

Current Position

2. As the Bart's Health Trust covers such a wide number of hospitals and areas in London Officers proposed that the Inner North East London Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Health (INEL JOSC) was convened to scrutinise the accounts and question the senior management of the Trust.
3. The meeting of the INEL JOSC and the Trust took place on Wednesday 29th May and the minutes of the meeting are attached to this report as Appendix A. As the City of London Corporation representative (CC Vivienne Littlechild) was unable to attend the meeting Common Councilman Wendy Mead (as the only elected Member of the 2013/14 Health Scrutiny Committee at that time) was asked to replace her for this meeting.

4. As the minutes show the meeting covered a wide range of issues and a number of amendments and additions were made to the final quality accounts submitted by the Trust as a result.
5. Following the meeting a formal letter from the Chair of the INEL JOSC was sent to the Trust setting out the key points from the meeting. This is attached as Appendix B to the report. The letter can be used by scrutiny committees during the course of the year to monitor the ongoing performance of the Bart's Health Trust.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Minutes of the INEL JOSC meeting 29th May 2013.
- Appendix B – Letter from the Chair of INEL JOSC to the Chief Executive of the Bart's Health Trust.

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