

Committee:	Date(s):
Health and Social Care Scrutiny	16 th July 2013
Subject: Homerton University Hospital Quality Accounts Update	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision
Summary	
<p>This report sets out the approach the Corporation has taken to scrutinising the Homerton University Hospital Quality Accounts in partnership with the London Borough of Hackney and requests Member representation at the Health in Hackney Scrutiny meeting to meet with representatives of the Hospital.</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 that the Homerton University Hospital will be providing a written response by the end of August 2013. • Agree that the Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny (INEL JOSOC) representative attends the October Health in Hackney Scrutiny meeting to discuss the Hospitals response on behalf of the City. 	

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 there were no Health Scrutiny meetings in either Hackney or the City of London during the consultation period for the quality accounts, officers agreed to make a joint written submission to the Homerton University Hospital involving the Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny (INEL JOSOC) representative for LB Hackney (Cllr Luke Akehurst) and for the City of London Corporation (CC Vivienne Littlechild).

3. The submission is attached as Appendix One to this report. The Homerton have agreed to produce a written response to the document by the 31st August 2013 and to attend the Health in Hackney Scrutiny meeting on 10th October 2013 at 7.00 pm to discuss it.

Proposals

4. Members could ask the Homerton Hospital to attend a separate Scrutiny Committee meeting at the Corporation to discuss the quality accounts but as a joint approach has already been adopted officers recommend that we continue to manage the process in this way.
5. The role of the INEL JOSOC representative is to represent the interests of the City in health issues impacting on a wider geographic area so it seems appropriate for the Member fulfilling this role to attend the meeting in Hackney on the Committees behalf. The London Borough of Hackney are agreeable to this arrangement.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – City and Hackney submission to Homerton University Hospital

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