

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE****11 April 2014****Developments and Service Improvements in the Airedale NHS Foundation Trust****Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for the Scrutiny of Health Committee to be updated and to offer comment on developments and service improvements taking place within the Airedale NHS Foundation Trust (ANHSFT).

Introduction

2. Airedale Hospital, which is part of the Airedale NHS Foundation Trust provides personalised, acute, elective and specialist care for a population of over 200,000 people from a widespread area covering 700 square miles within Yorkshire and Lancashire – stretching as far as the Yorkshire Dales and the National Park in North Yorkshire, reaching areas of North Bradford and Guiseley in West Yorkshire and extending into Colne and Pendle in the East of Lancashire.
3. The Trust:
 - employs 2,900 staff and have 400 committed volunteers
 - in a year treats 25,000 inpatients, 26,000 non-elective patients and 150,000 outpatients
 - its Accident and Emergency Department sees and treats over 51,000 patients every year
 - delivers around 2,600 babies each year in the hospital.
4. Services are provided from the main hospital site and at other locations across the community.
5. The Trust's vision is "to be the hospital chosen by the community for putting patients first, providing excellent, innovative and diverse services, delivering safe standards of care, all underpinned by the constant pursuit of efficiency".
6. Airedale Hospital was highly commended in the Dr Foster's hospital guide for 2013. Data gathered for the annual hospital guide – which analyses information from all NHS health trusts – showed that ANHSFT is one of only eight trusts with very low mortality rates for both weekdays and weekends and one of only six trusts with very low re-admission rates for both weekdays and weekends. The report also noted that Airedale is one of just 20 hospital trusts where mortality rates are significantly lower than expected on at least two out of four (and not high on any) of the key mortality measures – Hospital Standardised Mortality Rates (HSMR), Summary Hospital-level Mortality Indicator (SHMI) deaths in low-risk conditions and deaths after surgery.
7. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) Quality Report (November 2013) on Airedale General Hospital concluded that the Hospital was operating safely and effectively across all key services. The CQC commented that services were provided effectively

and consistently to a good standard. The CQC also highlighted how the Trust values volunteers and acknowledged the Trust's achievements around Telehealth. In terms of areas for improvement the CQC mentioned nurse staffing levels - particularly those caring for older people - and questioned the co-ordination between the Critical Care Unit and the rest of the Hospital. In overall terms it was a very positive report.

8. Ann Wagner (Director of Strategy and Business Development) and Alison Fuller (Assistant Director of Healthcare Governance) from the ANHSFT will be attending the meeting to provide more information on the work of the Trust and how it is responding to the CQC report.

<p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. That Members offer comment on the developments taking place in the ANHSFT.
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Background Documents: None