

ITEM: 12

MEETING: Trust Board 19 September 2007

TITLE: Annual Health Check for 2007/8

SUMMARY: The Healthcare Commission has now published guidance on how the annual health check will be undertaken for 2007/8.

They will continue to award NHS trusts a rating that consists of two elements: quality of services and use of resources. As previously, the quality of services element will be cover performance against the HCC standards and national targets. The use of resources element will cover Audit Commission assessments.

Attached is the Healthcare Commission guidance for the 2007/8 annual health check. Trust Board are asked to confirm that the Director of Nursing and Clinical Development will remain responsible for co-ordinating the trust's assessment against the core standards, as outlined in the Trust's risk management strategy.

ACTION: For information and agreement

REPORT FROM: Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing and Clinical Development

Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	N/a
Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	The annual health check 2007/2008: assessing and rating the NHS (Healthcare Commission, June 2007)
Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development	Reference: all standards
Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE) Lead: Director of Finance	Reference: all standards
Compliance with requirements of FT application and monitoring regime Lead: Director of Strategy & Performance	Reference: