

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	12
Date of Meeting:	1 May 2024		

Title of Report:	Quality Account 2023/24
Status:	For noting and approval
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Appendices	None

1. Report

All NHS providers are required by law under the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010 to produce a Quality Account annually. NHS England no longer publishes guidance for the preparation of the Quality Account and the production of the document has been based on the most recent template (2019/20) as well as the content of the Regulations, with the focus placed on reporting progress against the Trust’s Quality Account priorities.

The Regulations state that Quality Accounts must be published by June 30 each year following the end of the reporting period. By publishing our Quality Account on our website and forwarding the link to NHS England, we fulfil our statutory obligation to submit the Quality Accounts to the Secretary of State.

Work is underway, coordinated by a small task and finish group to produce this year’s Quality Account. The working deadline for the first draft of the document is the end of April 2024. As part of the process, the draft Quality Account will then need to be shared with Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) Integrated Care Board (ICB), the BaNES and Wiltshire branches of Healthwatch, and BaNES and Wiltshire Councils’ Health Scrutiny Committees.

The proposed timescales for completion and approval of the document are as follows:

- Review and approval at Quality Governance Committee (10/06/24)
- Presented retrospectively to Board of Directors (3/07/24)

The Board of Directors is asked to delegate the final approval of the publishing of the Quality Accounts 2023/24 to the Quality Governance Committee.

2. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss)
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The Board of Directors asked to note the content of the paper and delegate the approval of the publishing of the Quality Accounts 2023/24 to the Quality Governance Committee.

3. Legal / Regulatory Implications

The Trust is required to produce an annual quality account by virtue of the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010.

4.	Risk (Threats or opportunities, link to a risk on the Risk Register, Board Assurance Framework etc)
None identified.	
5.	Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)
Preparation of the quality account is a joint responsibility between the Corporate and Quality Governance teams.	
6.	Equality and Diversity
There are no identified impact on equality and diversity in this paper.	
7.	References to previous reports
N/A	
8.	Freedom of Information
Private – subject to future publication.	
9.	Sustainability
N/A.	
10.	Digital
N/A.	