

**Subject:** Annual Health Check 2008-2009  
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**Report of:** The Director of Strategy and Governance  
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**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The "Annual Health Check" is a yearly assessment of NHS trust performance and financial management, formerly conducted by the Healthcare Commission (and latterly by the Care Quality Commission).
- 1.2 This report and its appendix detail the results of the assessment for 2008-2009 as it affects local NHS trusts, and provide some context for these results, comparing them with performance in 2007/2008 and 2006/2007.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members note this report.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The NHS Annual Health Check is a wide-reaching assessment of the performance and financial management of all NHS trusts.
- 3.2 Trusts are awarded both a headline score for performance and a headline score for financial management. Underpinning these ratings are a range of scores for performance against particular core standards. These standards are themselves often divided into dozens of sub-categories, meaning in practical terms that trusts have to report against several hundred performance standards every year.

- 3.3 The Annual Health Check is essentially a self-assessment exercise, with trusts declaring whether they believe they have passed or failed against particular standards, and evidencing their claims with background documents etc. Every year some trusts are chosen for inspection, either due to historical issues with aspects of their performance, concerns expressed by third parties, or because they have been randomly selected for a visit.
- 3.4 This is the last year in which this assessment system will operate. The Care Quality Commission will introduce its own assessment procedure for coming years, although the details of this are not yet entirely clear.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 None has been undertaken in preparing this report.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct implications for the council in this report for information

##### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 No legal advice has been sought for this report for information

##### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None identified

##### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None identified

##### Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None directly

##### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None identified

##### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 None identified

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. The 2008/2009 Annual Health Check scores for local NHS trusts

### **Documents in Members' Rooms:**

None

### **Background Documents:**

1. None

