INTRODUCTION

CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC)

Quality of Services and Financial Management 2008/09

The CQC will publish the 2008/09 annual health check performance ratings on Thursday 15 October 2009, the ratings for the Trust are summarised below:

- Quality of Services: *Good
- Meeting Core Standards: Fully met
- Assessment of Existing Commitments: Fully met
- Assessment of National Priorities: Good
- Quality of Financial Management: Good

CQC comparison of Ambulance Trusts – 2008/09

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*It should be noted that no Ambulance Trust achieved an “Excellent” rating by the CQC for its “Quality of Services” for 2008/09

Timetable for 2009/10

A timetable (Appendix 1) progress to date for 2009/10; is updated and presented at each Assurance Committee meeting.

CQC– MID YEAR HEALTH CHECK

Core Standards 2009/10 – Mid year declaration of compliance

In-year revisions to legislation, codes of practice and guidance have been incorporated into the relevant templates, for 2009/10 – recording progress on the provision of statements/evidence in support of compliance with core standards’ and are accessible on ‘P’ drive.

Details of changes to the elements were circulated to Leads on 10 August 2009 (New guidance was published by the CQC, late July 2009)

Regular audits are undertaken by the writer (Appendix 2) and presented to this Committee.
Leads have been reminded on a regular basis by the writer, to ensure that templates are completed, bearing in mind that the proposed declaration of compliance (for the period 1 April 2009 – 31 October 2009) mid year – final date for submission of declaration is by noon on 7 December 2009.

**Developmental Standards**

In the latest guidance from the CQC (July 2009), we are advised that no assessment by the CQC will be undertaken on the Trust’s progress with Developmental Standards in the November 2009 declaration, and although we do not envisage that these will be subjected to scrutiny in the process for 2009/10, it is important that progress is made, which is demonstrable. *Reviewed in October 2009 (Appendix 3).*

Developmental Standards will therefore continue to be progressed by the relevant Leads, recorded and reported to this Committee.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are recommended to:-

1. Note the outcome of the CQC regulators assessment on the Trust’s performance against the Quality of Services and Financial Management 2008/09;
2. Approve the proposed declaration of full compliance with Core Standards for the mid-year period 1 April 2009 – 31 October 2009;
3. Note the progress made by the Trust on Developmental Standards

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*14th October 2009*