

Report of the Airedale NHS Foundation Trust to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 26 October 2017

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Subject:

**Airedale NHS Foundation Trust response to the Care Quality
Commission Re-inspection**

Summary statement:

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1. Summary

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2. Background

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust received a focussed inspection by the Care Quality Commission in March 2017. A focussed inspection does not look across a whole service but as the title suggests focusses upon the areas defined by information that triggers the need for an inspection. Therefore, the CQC did not inspect all the five domains of safe, effective, caring, responsive and well led for each core service; they inspected core services which were rated requires improvement or where they had identified areas of concerns.

3. Report issues

The Quality Report of 2017 commends the investment and improvements made in nurse staffing with particular reference to the proactive recruitment. The key areas of getting the basics right have been strengthened and staff articulated their roles and responsibilities and understand this in relation to patient safety.

There were improvements noted in the Governance and Leadership within the Trust including standardised reporting and the leaders being more visible in the organisation. Leadership was commended throughout the Trust from Ward to Board and the inspectors noted the opportunities in place for leadership development.

The biggest area of improvement was within Critical Care where safe moved from Inadequate to Good. In addition there was a noted improvement in Effective to Good. This is a tremendous achievement and is testimony to the dedicated leadership of the team there.

The full report can be accessed at [Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Report 2017](http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RCF/reports)
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4. Recommendations

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive this report and note the Trust Board of Directors will approve the Quality Improvement Plan that will achieve improved care for patients and hence greater compliance at their meeting in October prior to submission to the Care Quality Commission. This will be available for the meeting and tabled on the day.

5. Background documents

None

6. Not for publication documents

None

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - CQC Re-inspection Quality Report