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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Board of Directors</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>30th June 2016</b>
<b>Board Sponsor:</b>	<b>Medical Director</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Draft Quality Accounts 2015/16</b>

**Executive Summary**

Trusts are required to publish an annual Quality Account, which looks back on the year reported and identifies priorities for quality improvement for the forthcoming year.

The Quality Account follows a format prescribed by the Department of Health and is subject to external audit. The Board asked to note that external audit has issued an unqualified opinion on the Quality Account.

The Board is also asked to note that the Quality Account reflects the outcome of the CQC inspection in April and the Section 29a Warning Notice served on the Trust, including in the priorities identified for 2016/17.

**Action required by the Board**

The Board is asked to approve the Quality Account 2015/16 for publication.

<b>Links to corporate objectives</b>	The report concerns the objectives of <b><i>excellent outcomes and great experience</i></b>
<b>Identified risks and risk management actions</b>	The Quality Account reflects the risks identified by CQC in its inspections in June 2015 and April 2016. The priority for 2016/17 described in the Quality Account is delivery of the CQC Improvement Plan
<b>Resource implications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Legal implications</b>	None
<b>Report history</b>	Quality and Performance Committee, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Appendices</b>	Draft Quality Accounts 2015/16