

**BOARD MEETING**

<b>Annual Health Check Rating 2008/9 – Request for Review Core Standards</b>	
<b>1. Introduction/ Summary of Scheme/Report</b>	
<p>Further to the outcome of an inspection of the 2008/9 commissioning declaration. A formal review was submitted to the Care Quality Commission. This report informs the board on the outcome of the review and response to a recommendation by the Care Quality Commission.</p>	
<b>2. Implications and Risks</b>	
<i>Will there be a significant impact on patients or patient care?</i>	No
<i>Are there any financial or legal implications to implementing this item?</i>	No
<i>Will there be an impact on Equality, Diversity or Human Rights?</i>	No
<i>Does this item form an essential part of quality or performance standards e.g. Healthcare Commission, NHS Litigation Authority? If yes, detail which standard.</i>	Yes, annual health check 2008/09
<b>3. Recommendation</b>	
<p>The board is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the Care Quality Commission’s response to the formal review of the 2008/09 core standards commissioning declaration, and;</li> <li>Note that based on further clarification with the Care Quality Commission there is no further action to take in respect of NHS Darlington’s 2009/10 provider declaration.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Submitted by</b>	
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<b>5. Purpose of the Paper</b>	
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### **1. Introduction**

NHS Darlington received a random inspection of their 2008/09 core standards commissioning declaration by the Care Quality Commission. The inspection covered four core standards and concluded that there was insufficient assurance to demonstrate that two of the standards were fully met. The core standards were C5a NICE technology appraisals and C24 emergency preparedness. NHS Darlington did not agree with the outcome of the inspection and requested a review of the two core standards under the Care Quality Commission's process.

A response to the review has been received and is attached to this report. This indicates that the review was not upheld and the commissioning score for the core standards will remain as 'almost met'. In their response, the Care Quality Commission recommended that the outcome of their review, for the two standards detailed above, be considered in relation to the recently submitted declaration to decide whether or not to re-submit. This was confirmed as meaning the 2009/10 provider declaration submitted in December 2009. Further clarification was sought from the Care Quality Commission in regard to their recommendation.

The Care Quality Commission confirmed their recommendation was not applicable as it related to the commissioning core standards declaration and that there was no relevance to the provider declaration submitted in December 2010. In addition, there is no longer a requirement to submit a commissioning declaration.

### **2. Implications and Risks**

Following clarification with the Care Quality Commission there are no implications for NHS Darlington's 2009/10 provider declaration.

### **3. Recommendations**

The board is asked to:

- Note the Care Quality Commission's response to the formal review of the 2008/09 core standards commissioning declaration, and;
- Note that based on further clarification with the Care Quality Commission there is no further action to take in respect of NHS Darlington's 2009/10 provider declaration.

#### 4. Sponsor Director

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#### Purpose of the Paper

Information sharing Y      Development/discussion N      Decision/action N

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