



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ROTHERHAM CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

We have audited the financial statements of Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) comprising the Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Taxpayers Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and related notes for the year ended 31 March 2015. These financial statements have been prepared under applicable law and the accounting policies directed by the NHS Commissioning Board with the consent of the Secretary of State as relevant to the National Health Service in England. We have also audited the information in the Remuneration Report that is subject to audit.

This report is made solely to the Members of Rotherham CCG, as a body, in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members of the CCG, as a body, those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Members of the CCG, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Accountable Officer and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Accountable Officer's Responsibilities, the Accountable Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the CCG's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Accountable Officer, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on regularity

In our opinion, in all material respects the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the CCG as at 31 March 2015 and of its net operating costs for the year then ended; and

- have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies directed by the NHS Commissioning Board with the consent of the Secretary of State as relevant to the National Health Service in England.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies

In our opinion:

- the part of the Remuneration Report subject to audit has been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies directed by the NHS Commissioning Board with the consent of the Secretary of State as relevant to the National Health Service in England; and
- the information given in the Strategic Report and Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies requires us to report to you if:

- in our opinion, the Governance Statement does not reflect compliance with NHS England's Guidance;
- any referrals to the Secretary of State have been made under section 19 of the Audit Commission Act 1998; or
- any matters have been reported in the public interest under the Audit Commission Act 1998 in the course of, or at the end of the audit.

Conclusion on the CCG's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources

Respective responsibilities of the CCG and auditor

The CCG is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, to ensure proper stewardship and governance, and to review regularly the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

We are required under Section 5 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to satisfy ourselves that the CCG has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. The Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies issued by the Audit Commission requires us to report to you our conclusion relating to proper arrangements, having regard to relevant criteria specified by the Audit Commission.

We report if significant matters have come to our attention which prevent us from concluding that the CCG has put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. We are not required to consider, nor have we considered, whether all aspects of the CCGs arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.



Scope of the review of arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources

We have undertaken our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies, having regard to the guidance on the specified criteria, published by the Audit Commission in October 2014, as to whether the CCG has proper arrangements for:

- securing financial resilience; and
- challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The Audit Commission has determined these two criteria as those necessary for us to consider under the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies in satisfying ourselves whether the CCG put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2015.

We planned and performed our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies. Based on our risk assessment, we undertook such work as we considered necessary to form a view on whether, in all material respects, the CCG had put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Conclusion

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance on the specified criteria published by the Audit Commission in October 2014, we are satisfied that, in all material respects, Rotherham CCG put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2015.

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the accounts of Rotherham CCG in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies issued by the Audit Commission.

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