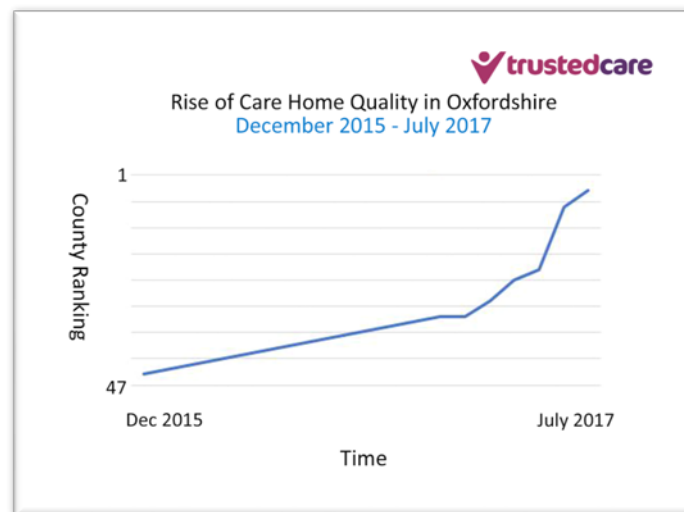**Significant care quality improvements in the county but care-seekers incur the cost**

In December 2015, TrustedCare.co.uk published the first care quality league table of its kind. The table details the best and worst places in England to receive residential, nursing and home care.

In the 18 months that have passed since the table was first published there have been significant care quality improvements in Oxfordshire. In December 2015 Oxfordshire were ranked 45th out of 47 counties for care quality. The county currently sits at 10th, having climbed an impressive 35 places.

The shift can be accredited to the percentage of residential, nursing and home care services receiving a good or outstanding Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating. The CQC is the independent regulator of health and social care services and is responsible for inspecting, monitoring and rating all care providers on a regular basis.

- Residential services have risen 23 places from 33rd to 10th
- Nursing Care services have risen 22 places from 25th to 3rd
- Home Care services have risen 28 places from 42nd to 14th

Home Care Agency, My Carer, who look after people within their own home's in the county recently gained an outstanding CQC rating, Registered Manager, Lynda Druce made the following comment:

"The team have worked so hard, on our previous inspection we were outstanding when it came to delivering 'caring' care but it has been the icing on the cake to now have an overall outstanding rating. It has given our Carer's a real big boost to know they're appreciated."

As well as tracking care quality, TrustedCare's league table also tracks the average price of care in each county. Oxfordshire is the most expensive county in England to receive residential care at an average cost of £954.58 per week. When compared to the cheapest county, Lancashire (£531.27), there is a whopping £22,012.54 cost difference per year to service users.

The full league table and interactive map, which allows users to click through to individual provider details within each county is available at: http://www.trustedcare.co.uk/care-map/league-table/

Notes to Editor:

- The TrustedCare.co.uk league table and care map is informed by a daily feed from CQC inspection data. It covers 21,116 providers inspected under the regulator's new inspection process launched in 2014. There are currently 3,294 of services in England which are newly opened and have not yet received a rating.

About TrustedCare.co.uk

TrustedCare.co.uk is a unique care services directory and review website providing a range of information on local care providers to help them make an informed choice about the care of themselves or a loved one. Launched in late 2012 by 29-year-old founder Mark Walford with the aim of creating the most comprehensive source of care service information in the UK to help care-seekers, care providers and care influencers.

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