



AGENDA

Meeting: Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Place: Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Council Chamber
Date: Wednesday 29 June 05
Time: 10:30 am

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Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time	Place
Committee Members Only	Tues 28 June	14:00	Scrutiny Office

Membership:

Councillors (WCC):

Mrs C A Soden
Mr R S While
Mr J B Osborn
Mrs M E Groom
Mrs M White
Mrs B Wayman
Mrs P Rugg
Mrs J H Rooke
Mr J M English

Councillors (District Councils):

Mr M Hewitt (Salisbury District Council)
Mrs P Winchcombe (Kennet District Council)
To be appointed (North Wiltshire District Council)
Mr G Cox (West Wilts District Council)

Stakeholders:

Patient & Public Involvement Forum:

Dr P Biggs – West Wiltshire PPI Forum
Mike Griffiths – Kennet & North Wilts PPI Forum
Terry White – South Wiltshire PPI Forum

Wilts & Swindon User's Network:

Jean Cole

PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Apologies

2. Election of Chairman / Vice-Chairman

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2005 and correspondence received between meetings.

4. Chairman's Announcements

5. Members' Interests

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

6. Public Participation

The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public. This meeting is open to members of the public who may ask a question or make a statement. Written notice of questions or statements should be given to the Deputy Chief Executive by 12.00 noon on Monday 27 June 05. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

7. Salisbury District General Hospital – Foundation Trust Application

The committee will receive a presentation from Chief Executive of the Trust, Dr Frank Harsent, regarding the rationale behind, and the status of the application, and the implications for service users. A briefing paper is attached at Item 7.

Members are asked to consider in particular the Trust's plans to involve patients and the public in this application.

8. Ambulance Services in Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire – Update

The committee will receive a presentation from Trevor Jones, Chief Executive of Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority regarding the proposals for organisational changes to Wiltshire Ambulance Service and the implications for service users.

The executive summary of the independent report carried out by PriceWaterhouseCoopers is attached at Item 10. The full report can be found on the AGW website at www.agwsha.nhs.uk/agw/agw1.html

Members are advised that neighbouring Health Scrutiny Committees are now meeting to discuss this issue, and members may wish to make some provision for further monitoring / future involvement in a joint committee should the need arise. Copies of an earlier briefing paper and a letter from Gloucestershire County Council Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee are also attached at Item 10.

9. South Wiltshire PCT – Further Consultation on Mental Health Day Service Provision

The committee will receive a presentation from Sally Banister, Joint Commissioning and Service Development Manager, South Wiltshire PCT, outlining the PCTs plans for further consultation on provision of day services following the Overview & Scrutiny meeting held on 23 March 2005. Papers are attached at Item 9.

Members are asked to consider the framework for the review, in particular plans to involve patients and the public. Members are advised that it may be necessary to reform the original Task Group in order to formulate their response to this new consultation.

10. The Financial Position of Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority at the end of 2004

Following the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 9 March 2005 where the financial situation of the Wiltshire PCTs was discussed, the Chairman wrote to the Chief Executive of the Strategic Health Authority with a number of questions. A copy of this letter is attached at Item 10. The committee will receive a presentation from Graham Bennett, Acting Financial Director, Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority, who will address the issues raised.

N.B. Members are advised that the final section of the letter, which referred to the impact of changes to out of hour's services, will be dealt with separately at the September meeting. This will enable health partners to collate information over a twelve month period, in accordance with the committee's previous request that a review of the changes be presented a year after the implementation of the new system.

11. Strategic Review in Kennet, North and West Wiltshire

The committee will receive an update from Nicholas Gillard, Director of Planning & Partnerships, about the service review being carried out by Kennet & North and West Wiltshire PCTs. Briefing paper attached at Item 11.

The Trusts are holding a series of assembly meetings, which health scrutiny members are invited to attend, in order to allow patients, the public, stakeholders and community leaders to contribute to the debates that will inform proposals for the future of primary care services in the area.

Members are asked to note the progress of the review.

12. Healthier Wiltshire 2014

The committee will receive a presentation from John Nicholas, Project Manager, about the ongoing initiative to make Wiltshire the healthiest county to live in by 2014.

This project has been sponsored by the Wiltshire Strategic Board and has the support of all the major public sector partners in the county. A number of schemes have been put in place to deliver the key targets around drug and alcohol misuse, smoking cessation and physical activity. Innovative approaches are being developed which aim to use schools and employers as a mechanism for reaching a large section of the population.

13. Bid for Centre for Public Scrutiny Year 2 Health Scrutiny Support Programme Action Learning Funding

To receive details of the funding bid, which is closely aligned to the Healthier Wiltshire project, submitted on behalf of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee to the Centre for Public Scrutiny on 17 June 05. A copy of the bid document is attached at Item 13.

14. Work Programme

A copy of the current work programme is attached at Item 14.

Members are advised that, as this is the first meeting of the new committee, consideration needs to be given to the work programme in order for priorities to be set. It is suggested that this work could be done as part of a member development day, where members could work with health partners to

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee will be on Wednesday 14 September 2005 at 14:30 am.

16. Urgent Items (If any)

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.