



# AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
**Place:** Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge  
**Committee Room:** Committee Room 5  
**Date:** Thursday 17 May 2007  
**Time:** 10:30

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<b>Briefing Arrangements:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Committee Members Only	17 May	10:00	Scrutiny Office

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## Membership:

### Councillors (WCC):

Dr J M English  
Mrs M E Groom  
Mr M Hewson  
Mr W Moss  
Mr J B Osborn  
Mrs P Rugg  
Mrs J H Seager  
Mr R S While  
Mrs M White

### Councillors (District Councils):

Mr M Hewitt (Salisbury District Council)  
Mrs P Winchcombe (Kennet District Council)  
? West Wiltshire District Council  
? North Wiltshire District Council

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## Stakeholders:

### Patient & Public Involvement Forum:

Dr P Biggs – Chair, Wiltshire PPI Forum  
Mike Griffiths – Wiltshire PPI Forum  
Terry White – Wiltshire PPI Forum  
Anna Farquhar – Great Western Ambulance PPI Forum  
Helen Thompson – Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust PPI Forum

### Wilts & Swindon User's Network:

Jean Cole

## **Part 1**

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

**1. Apologies**

**2. Election of Chairman / Vice Chairman**

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2007.

**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 submitted by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 13 March 2007. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

**7. Wiltshire Primary Care Trust – Update on Service Reconfiguration for Wiltshire**

Alison Knowles, Director for Corporate Affairs and Communications, will give a verbal update on progress made by the PCT since the last meeting.

Members will find attached a copy of the letter sent to the Secretary of State for Health following the meeting held on 1 March 2007. Copies of this letter have been sent to Wiltshire PCT and the South West NHS.

AN update from the Pathways for Change Task Group meeting on 14 May 2007 will be made to the Committee at the next meeting.

Members are asked to note the verbal update and to direct any comments or concerns to the Pathways for Change Task Group, which continues to meet.

## 8. Mainstreaming Mental Health

There are still a number of outstanding decisions to be made by Wiltshire PCT following the Mainstreaming Mental Health (MMH) consultation that took place at the same time as the consultation for Pathways for Change in 2006.

A verbal update will be received from the PCT regarding the latest stage in the process.

The MMH Task Group has continued to meet and an update report is attached here for information.

## 9. Alzheimer's Drugs

At the meeting of the County Council on 13 February 2007 a motion was put to the Council regarding prescription of Alzheimer's drugs to sufferers.

The County Council minute for the motion reads as follows:

***Drugs for Alzheimer/Dementia Sufferers – Mrs Margaret White and Mrs Margaret Taylor*** *On motion by Mr KC Wren, seconded by Mrs JH Seager it was agreed to debate this notice of motion at the meeting. Some guidelines from the National Institute for Clinical Excellence had been circulated. In accordance with the Notice of Motion Mrs M White moved and Mr RT Rogers seconded the following:*

*This County Council demands the Health Service through the Wiltshire Primary Care Trust ensures those Wiltshire County residents who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, whether of early onset or late, have access to Aricept or another suitable drug, to enable them and their carers to live as independently and normal lives as possible.*

*During the debate it was suggested that the Health Scrutiny Committee should consider this matter and the Chairman of the Committee agreed to take this on board.*

*Following the debate the motion was put to the meeting and was carried. It was therefore,*

***Resolved: That this County Council demands the Health Service through the Wiltshire Primary Care Trust ensures those Wiltshire County residents who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, whether of early onset or late, have access to Aricept or another suitable drug, to enable them and their carers to live as independently and normal lives as possible.***

Alison Knowles, Director for Corporate Affairs and Communications, will give a verbal response to the motion on behalf of Wiltshire PCT.

## 10. Health Scrutiny Support Programme – Summary of Three Sessions and the Outcomes

The three Health Scrutiny Support Sessions were held in the Spring and covered three topics:

Understanding how to scrutinise substantial variations  
Understanding how to scrutinise joint provision of health and social care services  
Understanding LAA health related targets

A summary report is attached, along with the key points raised at each of the sessions.

Members are asked to consider the principles and actions taken from the sessions in relation to the development of the work programme of the Committee.

#### **11. Healthcare Commission Annual Healthcheck**

As part of the Healthcare Commission's Standards for Better Health process all NHS Trusts are required to carry out an Annual Healthcheck, which is then submitted as part of their declaration on performance to the Healthcare Commission.

As per the guidance issued by the Healthcare Commission, the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee has provided comments for the six main Trusts providing services for Wiltshire.

Copies of the comments and a covering report are provided.

Members are asked to note the comments and to give consideration to the suggestions for improving the process in the future.

#### **12. Great Western Ambulance Trust – Update from Meeting held on 3 April 2007 – For Information**

On 3 April a meeting was held at the Ambulance Trust headquarters in Chippenham, which involved all of the seven Health OSCs within the area covered by the Trust.

At the meeting a number of principles for carrying out scrutiny of the services provided across the area covered by the Ambulance Trust were agreed. These are outlined in the report.

Members are asked to note the report and the general agreements made during the course of the meeting.

#### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on 19 July at 10:30

## PART II

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