



AGENDA

Meeting: Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Place: Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5
Date: Thursday 20 September 2007
Time: 10:30

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Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time	Place
Committee Members Only	20 September	09:30	Committee VIII

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)
Mr B Mudge (West Wiltshire District Council)
Mrs S Parker (North Wiltshire District Council)
Mrs P Winchcombe (Kennet District Council)

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. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2007.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Members Interests

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

5. 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 18 September 2007. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

6. Avon Valley Practice – Consultation on Netheravon Surgery

At the last meeting of the Committee in July three members were asked to provide a response to the consultation on behalf of the Committee. These comments are attached for information at Appendix 1 of the report.

The public consultation on the future of the surgery at Netheravon concluded in July and the PCT is due to meet to discuss the outcomes and make decisions regarding the service on 18 September 2007.

The PCT Board papers are attached with a covering paper explaining the process that was followed.

The Committee is asked to give consideration to the consultation process and the subsequent decision process.

7. Swindon & Marlborough Trust – Foundation Bid

The Committee will receive a presentation from the Trust about the bid for Foundation Status and the implications for the services offered by at the Great Western Hospital.

Members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Chief Executive, Lyn Hill-Tout and Nathan Hall, Associate Director of Corporate and Business Development.

The Committee is asked to respond to the consultation. It is suggested that a one off working group of two or three members meet to formulate a response on behalf of the Committee.

8. Reforming Community Services - Update

The Reforming Community Services Task Group is set to meet on 19 September, so the Committee will receive a verbal update from the Chairman, Dr Peter Biggs.

Alison Knowles, Director of Corporate Affairs and Communications will also give a verbal update on progress made since the last meeting, in particular with the Neighbourhood Teams.

The Committee is asked to note the updates.

9. Royal United Hospital - Gynaecological Cancer Services

The RUH Bath has put forward a proposal to change gynaecological cancer services provided at the hospital, primarily by moving some specialist surgery from Bath to Bristol, as part of the national programme of centralising specialist cancer services.

The paper and the briefing note from the Wiltshire PCT outline the implications for Wiltshire patients, and the Committee is asked to note the points made in the paper and consider whether it would like to feed comments into the BANES Health Scrutiny Panel as part of the consultation.

If this is the case, it is suggested that the Chairman should liaise with the BANES Panel on behalf of the Committee.

10. Urgent Care Strategy – OSC Comments

Wiltshire PCT brought the draft Urgent Care Strategy to the Committee in July, after which three members were asked to respond to the consultation.

The subsequent comments are attached for information.

11. Date of Next Meeting

15 November 2007 – 10.30

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.