

Annual Healthcheck – 2007

Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust

Members who attended a meeting with the Trust:

Margaret White, Wiltshire County Council
Bill Moss, Wiltshire County Council

Comments on specific core standards:

- C4 The Committee is aware that the Trust has done a lot of work on hygiene and is participating in the national 'cleanyourhands' campaign.

The Committee notes that cross-working with Swindon PCT is taking place to screen people for infection post-operation, but it is not clear whether similar arrangements are in place with Wiltshire PCT.

The Committee is concerned that not all patients are swabbed for MRSA or other infections on admission to hospital.

- C17 The Trust has a consultation network in place to ensure that consultation on the design and implementation of services and policies takes place with all elements of the community, but the Committee is unclear how this relates to Wiltshire residents, as opposed to those living in Swindon.

The Committee would want to also be consulted, as a matter of course, on the development of services and policies, as a statutory consultee representing the residents of Wiltshire.

General comments on Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust:

The Committee would support any move to make the Great Western Hospital a smoke-free hospital.

The Committee has been impressed by the level of joint planning between the Swindon & Marlborough Trust and Swindon PCT, but would like to see evidence that similar joint planning goes on with Wiltshire PCT as a significant section of the population in Kennet and North Wiltshire would look to the Great Western Hospital as their nearest hospital.

Members have been concerned by recent media coverage which claimed that ambulances had had to wait a long time outside A & E before patients were accepted into the hospital.