

Annual Healthcheck – Results 2006/07

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the committee of the results of the Annual Healthcheck process for 2006/07 carried out by the Healthcare Commission for all Trusts in England.
2. To establish a process for the committee to gather information in order to provide comments for the six main Trusts serving the population of Wiltshire for 2007/08.

Background

3. The Annual Healthcheck results have now been published for all trusts in England for the year 2006/07 and appear further in this report.
4. Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSCs) are requested by the Healthcare Commission to provide comments for the trusts in their area, although it is not obligatory. The Wiltshire Health OSC has always seen this as an opportunity to learn more about the work of a trust and to contribute positively to the process by which trusts are monitored.

Results for 2006/07

5. The results for this year's Annual Healthcheck were published on 18 October for each Primary Care Trust and NHS Trust in England. The results for the six main trusts serving residents of Wiltshire are set out in the table below, along with the results from last year where applicable.
6. Previous years results are not available for Wiltshire Primary Care Trust and Great Western Ambulance Service because they were created following mergers in 2006.
7. More detailed information for each score is available and will be provided to members who are focussing on particular trusts for next year's Annual Healthcheck.
8. The results for this year show little overall change from last year, although in some cases there have been slight improvements or declines.

9. Significantly for Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust it has improved its Use of Resources score from “weak” to “good”, which has enabled it to apply for Foundation Trust status, as use of resources is a key factor in the eligibility criteria for this process.

ANNUAL HEALTHCHECK RESULTS – 2006/07				
NAME OF TRUST	QUALITY OF SERVICES		USE OF RESOURCES	
	2006/07	2005/06	2006/07	2005/06
WILTSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST	WEAK	N/A	WEAK	N/A
SWINDON & MARLBOROUGH TRUST	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK
SALISBURY FOUNDATION TRUST	FAIR	FAIR	EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT
ROYAL UNITED BATH HOSPITAL TRUST	WEAK	FAIR	WEAK	WEAK
GREAT WESTERN AMBULANCE TRUST	WEAK	N/A	WEAK	N/A
AVON & WILTSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH TRUST	FAIR	FAIR	WEAK	WEAK

Process for 2007/08

10. The comments for 2007/08 will be due in April 2008 and the Committee is advised to begin the process for gathering information early on.
11. The table below details the members who provided comments for individual trusts last year.

Name of Trust	Name of Committee Member
Great Western Ambulance Trust	Pat Rugg, Judy Seager, Mollie Groom, Bill Moss, Paula Winchcome
Wiltshire Primary Care Trust	John English, Eli Manasseh
Salisbury Foundation Trust	John English, Roy While, Mike Hewitt, Mike Griffiths, Bill Moss
Royal United Hospital NHS Trust	Pat Rugg, Roy While, Margaret White

Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust	Margaret White, Bill Moss
Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust	Paula Winchcombe, Roy While

12. The Committee has previously agreed it would be beneficial to identify up to three members to specialise in particular trusts, to gain knowledge over a period of time, who would be expected to formulate comments on behalf of the Committee.
13. The suggested allocation for the division of the work for the 2007/08 process is detailed in the table below.

Name of Trust	Name of Committee Member
Great Western Ambulance Trust	Judy Seager, Pat Rugg, Paula Winchcombe
Wiltshire Primary Care Trust	John English, Roy While, Judy Seager
Salisbury Foundation Trust	Bill Moss, John English, Mike Hewitt
Royal United Hospital Trust	Roy While, Margaret White, Pat Rugg
Swindon & Marlborough Trust	Margaret White, Bill Moss, Mollie Groom
Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust	Paula Winchcombe, Jeff Osborn, Mike Hewitt

Conclusions

14. The Annual Healthcheck is a rolling process which the Health OSC can best contribute to by identifying expert members who can carry out investigative work over the course of the year.
15. The expert members should be able to challenge the trusts on the recent results in order to understand out how improvements will be made for the coming year.

Recommendations

16. The Committee is recommended to:
17. Agree the allocation of expert members to trusts to ensure that each trust has a group charged with providing comments for the 2007/08 Annual Healthcheck.
18. To contact the Chief Executives for each trust, inviting them to meet with the expert members at the earliest opportunity to begin the information exchange that will result in the comments for the 2007/08 Annual Healthcheck.