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AGENDA

Meeting: Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Place: Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5
Date: Wednesday 13 December 2006
Time: 14:30

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Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time	Place
Committee Members Only	13 Dec 2006	13:30	Scrutiny Office

Membership:

Councillors (WCC):

Mr J M English (Vice Chairman)
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 (Chairman)
Mrs M White

Councillors (District Councils):

Mr M Hewitt (Salisbury District Council)
Mr E Manasseh (West Wiltshire District Council)
Mrs P Winchcombe (Kennet District Council)
Mrs J Wood (North Wiltshire District Council)

Stakeholders:

Patient & Public Involvement Forum:

Dr P Biggs – Chair, Wiltshire PPI Forum
Mike Griffiths – Wiltshire PPI Forum
Terry White – Wiltshire 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 September 2006

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 Monday 11 December 2006. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

6. Pathways for Change

To receive an update from the Wiltshire Primary Care Trust regarding the reconfiguration of community services in Kennet, North and West Wiltshire, including the timeframe for decision making. Report to follow.

To receive an update from the Pathways for Change Task Group about its work since the last meeting.

Members are advised that an extra meeting is planned for 12 February 2007 to discuss the decisions to be taken by the Wiltshire PCT on 16 January on the Pathways for Change proposals. The Task Group will report to the Committee at this meeting.

7. Mainstreaming Mental Health

To receive a verbal update from the Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust regarding Mainstreaming Mental Health, including the timeframe for decision making and changes made since the previous meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

8. Great Western Ambulance Trust – Notice of Meeting

To inform the Committee of the nature of correspondence from the Great Western Ambulance Trust, and of the need for an extra meeting to enable the trust to introduce its plans for service and organisational changes.

The special meeting will also enable the Committee to debate whether public consultation is needed regarding any proposed changes and, if so, to open a dialogue with the trust about how and when this should be carried out.

9. Annual Healthcheck – 2006/07

The timeframe for the submission of final declarations by trusts for the Annual Healthcheck, which monitors performance of trusts, is outlined in the accompanying report.

Members are asked to consider the recommendations and agree upon a process for providing comments on the final declarations from the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

10. Health Scrutiny Support Programme – Update for Information

To inform the Committee of the decisions taken by the working party, on behalf of the Committee, which was set up after the last meeting to formulate an outline plan for how to use the support days provided by the Centre for Public Scrutiny as part of the Health Scrutiny Support Programme.

11. Monitoring Changes in Social Care Services Task Group

At the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee meeting on 9 November a task group was established to review social care transitional arrangements and the development of the community sector following a review of eligibility criteria. Five members were appointed, one of which was to represent the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Chairman was approached to name the member in order that initial discussions could be held. Mike Hewitt, was named by the Chairman to represent the Health OSC and the Committee is now asked to retrospectively endorse this appointment.

The Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee's resolution included the following in relation to this task group:

To establish a scrutiny task group, in response to the first 3 recommendations contained within paragraph 39 of the report, to review DACS proposals for :

- (i) Transitional arrangements for all client groups*
- (ii) Development of the local voluntary and community sectors in Wiltshire*
- (iii) Future involvement of users and carers.*

To appoint 5 members to serve on the Task Group, including 1 member co-opted from the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to reflect the close relationship between health and social care. In the first instance, the Task Group to report to the Management Committee 12 weeks following its first meeting, and to consult with the Cabinet Member(s) for Adult Care Services and the Director of Adult and Community Services over the scope of the review.

In response to its recommendation to the Management Committee in paragraph 39 (iv) of the report, to request the Head of Human Resources to report to the next meeting of the Management Committee on 18 January 2006 on the need for a corporate policy towards the management of staff vacancies. (It is understood that this has already been the subject of debate amongst Chief Officers at CMB).

12. Date of Next Meeting

15 March 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.