Draft Work Programme for 2009

Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

30th January 2009

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Purpose

To consider the draft work programme for the Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2009.

Recommendation

The Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

• Agree the work programme for 2009 and authorise the Chair and support officers to make arrangements for the delivery of the work programme.

1. Reasons

1.1 In order to facilitate the preparation of committee meetings, the Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has agreed to develop a work programme that outlines its priorities for the year.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The draft work programme for the Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2009 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Members are asked to identify any items that they feel should be included on the work programme for 2009.
- 2.3 The Great Western Ambulance NHS Trust and Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust (PCT) have also been invited to suggest items to be included on the work programme.
- 2.4 The Committee's Interim Report and Recommendations" suggested that the Committee should consider the following issues in 2009:
 - To consider whether the projected benefits of the merger of Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Ambulances services have been realised
 - To consider the role of the Patient Transport Service
 - To consider the outcomes of the investment benchmarking review with East Midlands Ambulance Service.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from *Emma Powell* on 01793 463412 or Email *epowell@swindon.gov.uk*.

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- 2.5 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme for 2009 and authorise the Chair and support officers to make arrangements for the delivery of the work programme.
- 2.6 The work programme will be reviewed at every Committee meeting to ensure that it remains relevant and to ensure that the workload of the Committee is being managed effectively.

3. Background Papers and Appendices

 Appendix 1– Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2009

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APPENDIX 1

<u>Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee</u> <u>Draft Work Programme 2009</u>

Introduction

This document outlines the work programme for the Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2009.

Where possible, a 45 minute pre-meeting will be held before all formal Committee meetings. These will be held in private.

Members are reminded that the work programme is a living document and will be reviewed at every Committee meeting to ensure that it remains relevant and to plan future meetings.

30th January 2009 at 10.00, Shire Hall, Gloucestershire County Council

Proposed Outcome	Issues to be Considered	Witnesses Required	Evidence Required
To consider the responses to the Committee's "Interim Report & Recommendations"	 Response from the Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust (GWAS) 	Representative from GWASRepresentative	Written response from GWASWritten response
To determine whether any further action is required.	 Response from Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust (PCT) Collated responses from individual local authority health overview and 	from Gloucestershire PCT	from Gloucestershire PCT • Summary of responses from
To agree arrangements for monitoring progress in implementing the recommendations.	scrutiny committees (HOSCs)		HOSCs

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To agree the Committee's Revised Terms of Reference	 Comments received from individual HOSCs regarding the draft revised Terms of Reference Whether the Committee wishes to make any changes to the revised Terms of Reference prior to adoption 	Scrutiny Officer	Summary of written comments received from HOSCs
To ensure that members understand how air ambulance services are commissioned and provided in the GWAS region	 Commissioning arrangements for air ambulance services Funding arrangements The role of air ambulances and how the service is provided Update on the progress of the clinical review of air ambulance services 	 Representative from GWAS 	No information required in advance of meeting
To consider any issues Arising from January 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report and district response times	 To consider the latest data regarding key performance information To raise any issues with officers from GWAS and Gloucestershire PCT To determine whether any further action is required by the Joint Committee 	 Representative from GWAS Representative from Gloucestershire PCT 	January 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report, GWAS
To agree the priorities for future meetings of the Committee for 2009.	 To consider the draft work programme To approve the work programme subject to any amendments required by the Committee 	Scrutiny Officer	Draft Work Programme 2009

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Proposed Outcome	Issues to be Considered	Witnesses Required	Evidence Required
To appoint a Chair for 2009	 To agree the appointment of the Chair of the Joint Committee for the remainder of 2009 	• N/A	Report by Scrutiny Officer

24th April 2009 at 11.00 at The Council House (Bristol), Bristol City Council

Proposed Outcome	Issues to be Considered	Witnesses Required	Evidence Required
To consider any issues Arising from April 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report and district response times	 To consider the latest data regarding key performance information To raise any issues with officers from GWAS and Gloucestershire PCT To determine whether any further action is required by the Joint Committee 	 Representative from GWAS Representative from Gloucestershire PCT 	 April 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report, GWAS
To agree the Joint Committee's commentary for the Annual Healthcheck 2008/09	 To consider the draft commentary for GWAS in relation to the Healthcare Commission's Annual Healthcheck 2008/09 To agree the commentary, subject to any amendments made by the Committee 	Scrutiny Officer	Draft Commentary by the Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in relation to the performance of GWAS
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To review the Committee		•	Scrutiny Officer	•	Great	Western
work programme	programme to ensure that it remains				Ambulance	Joint
	relevant				Health	Scrutiny
					Committee	Work
					Programme	2009

31st July 2009 at 11.00 at The Campus (Weston-Super Mare), North Somerset Council

Proposed Outcome	Issues to be Considered	Witnesses Required	Evidence Required
To consider any issues Arising from July 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report and district response times	 To consider the latest data regarding key performance information To raise any issues with officers from GWAS and Gloucestershire PCT To determine whether further action is required by the Joint Committee 	 Representative from GWAS Representative from Gloucestershire PCT 	July 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report, GWAS
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To review the Committee's work programme	 To review the Joint Committee's work programme to ensure that it remains relevant To consider whether the Committee wishes to seek the views of service users regarding the Patient Transport Service and if so, how to progress this work 	Scrutiny Officer	Great Western Ambulance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2009

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30th October 2009 at 11.00 at County Hall (Trowbridge), Wiltshire County Council

Proposed Outcome	Issues to be Considered	Witnesses Required	Evidence Required
To consider any issues Arising from October 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report and district response times.	 To consider the latest data regarding key performance information To raise any issues with officers from GWAS and Gloucestershire PCT To determine whether any further action is required by the Joint Committee 	 Representative from GWAS Representative from Gloucestershire PCT 	 October 2009, 'Managing Our Performance' Report, GWAS
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To consider progress in addressing the recommendations made by the Joint Committee in its 'Interim Report and Recommendations' in October 2008	 To receive a progress report from all organisations to which recommendations were made by the Committee in its Interim Report and Recommendations' To determine whether any further action is required by the Committee 	 Representative from GWAS (lead for PTS) Representative from Gloucestershire PCT 	Summary of progress from GWAS, Gloucestershire PCT and HOSCs
Review of the role of the Joint Committee	To review the role of the Joint Committee and to determine whether it should continue to meet	• N/A	 Summary of achievements of Joint Committee prepared by Scrutiny Officer

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