Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 4 July 2006

Review of NHS Dentistry Provision

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee has met dentists, Local Dental Committee representatives, and the Dental Advisor to discuss NHS dentistry provision in the borough since the change in dentist contracts came into existence at 1st April 2006.

The Patient Forum will represented at the next meeting.

Issue

The Committee had planned to meet the Dental Member of PCT Professional Executive Committee but that position has since become vacant and a replacement will not be found until after this review has been completed.

Timescale for Review

Unchanged. Due to be presented to Cabinet on 5th October 2006.

Acute Service Provision

The Health Select Committee has been updated on the outcome of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee report that decided to refer Professor Darzi's proposals for women and children to the Secretary of State for Health.

Stockton Borough Council's view has been referred separately from the Health Select Committee.