

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 24 October 2006

Review of NHS Dentistry Provision

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Final report to be considered by Cabinet on 2nd November.

Final report to be considered by PCT Professional Executive Committee on 16th November and the PCT Board on 23rd November. Awaiting guidance from PCT link officer to determine how the Committee presents its report to the PCT.

Work Programme

It was agreed at Scrutiny Liaison Forum that the next review would address issues within the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). The service is undertaking changes to service provision and initial discussions with Peter Seller, Head of Child Strategy advised that this review delay its commencement. The Committee accepted this proposal.

The Scrutiny Liaison Forum did not identify any other topics for review. The Committee has not identified its next review.

The Healthcare Commission published details of the 2005/6 Annual Healthcheck on October 12. The Healthcare Commission also launched a new basis for the Annual Healthcheck to improve the relevance of the report. The Select Committee is requesting that the Healthcare Commission in the region provide background and training so that the Committee is fully involved in giving its response which is published in the Commission's report. The importance of the Committee's involvement is increased with the dissolution of Patient and Public involvement Forums.

Acute Service Provision

On the 18th October councillors Lupton, Roberts and Nesbitt met with the Independent Reconfiguration Panel which is acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health to resolve the differences in opinion regarding Professor Darzi's proposals. The Health Select Committee was complimented on the standard of the submissions received by the IRP regarding this matter.

The IRP will report its findings on 18th December to the Secretary of State and will then publish its report and meeting transcripts on its web site 4 weeks later.