

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 5 January 2009

EIT Programme - Fair Access to Care Services (FACS)

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

Following further discussion at the Committee meeting of 14 December, the Committee will be developing a consultation plan to consult clients and all other interested parties. This will be delivered and the results considered ahead of reporting to Cabinet with the Committee's final report.

Clarification is being sought from the legal department in relation to possible issues surrounding the purdah period linked to a general election, and how this may affect consultation timescales.

Timescales

The project plan will be reviewed following discussion in relation to the consultation process.

Monitoring

Members received progress report on the alcohol services review at the meeting on 14 December.

Other Work

The Committee continue to receive updates in relation to phlebotomy services in Ingleby Barwick and Thornaby.

The overview meeting on 18 January will involve partners from the acute, primary care, mental health, and ambulance trusts.