

## **Health Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee**

**27 July 2010**

#### **EIT Programme - Fair Access to Care Services (FACS)**

##### **Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)**

As part of the review, the Committee are overseeing the FACS consultation process. It has been agreed that the 3-month consultation will take place following the general election, with a start date of 1 June. The consultation results will be considered ahead of reporting to Cabinet with the Committee's final report.

##### **Timescales**

Following consideration of the consultation results a report is planned for Cabinet in November.

##### **Monitoring**

The Committee received quarterly progress reports on the reviews of NHS Dentistry and Alcohol.

##### **Other Work**

At the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July the Committee received an update on ongoing national specialised commissioning reviews, and service re-configurations. Further information is expected on the results of the review of national paediatric cardiac care in the autumn, prior to a period of public consultation. Members also received a briefing on local health structures, and health scrutiny processes.

A session was organised in partnership with the National Institute for Clinical Excellence on 26 July in order to see how NICE's guidance could be used to enable more effective scrutiny.

The protocol for the operation of a regional health scrutiny committee has been drafted, with a view to establishing a regional committee in the new municipal year. The protocol was endorsed by Council on 14 July.

##### **Regional review of the health needs of the ex-service community**

The overview day took place on 28 June with a range of national and regional speakers in attendance, including representatives from the Armed Forces, MoD, and the Department of Health. The presentations delivered during the day were intended to set the scene for the more detailed work that will take place in the three workstreams. Four members of the Health Select Committee are taking part in the Socio-Economic Wellbeing Workstream, and the work is due to commence on 11 August with a session examining the transition process between the armed forces and civilian life.