

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Committee Room 2  
Town Hall  
Stockport

Meeting: Tuesday, 22 August 2006  
Tea: 5.00 pm (Stopford House Restaurant)  
Business: 6.00 pm

### **Substitutes**

Councillors who require a substitute to be appointed should inform the Council Secretariat using the pro-forma by 4.00 pm on Thursday 17 August 2006. Councillors who wish to arrange their own substitute should inform the Council Secretariat of the name of their substitute prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **1. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June, 2006.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and officers to declare any interest which they may have in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting (including whipping declarations).

### **3. CALL-IN**

To consider any call-in items.

### **4. RESPITE CARE**

At its last meeting the Committee considered a report of Stockport Primary Care Trust (PCT) discussing a review of the respite care service currently provided at Cherry Tree Hospital. The report discussed the re-provision of respite care for the 34 patients using the Cherry Tree Service and the intention to provide a like-for-like service within the independent sector. The Committee commented upon methods of referral into the service, the consultation process and noted the report.

Following the meeting the Committee has received two letters (Enclosed):

- from Cllr Derek Whitehead;

- and from Stockport's Patient and Public Involvement Forums.

The two letters raised questions about the costs of providing the respite care service, the consultation process and the future provision of respite care for those patients at Cherry Tree Hospital. The item was placed on the agenda by Cllr Walter Brett. The Director of Clinical Services (Stockport PCT) will attend the meeting.

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## **5. REVIEW OF HOSPITAL BASED NON-ACUTE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

At its last meeting the Committee received a report of Stockport PCT setting out:

- a review of demand and capacity issues for older people's services;
- the development of proposals for a new service model.

The Committee resolved the report be noted and that a future progress report be submitted at an appropriate time.

Stockport PCT will attend the meeting to provide a oral presentation.

**The Committee is invited to comment on the presentation.**

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## **6. NHS FRAMEWORK FOR NHS CONTINUING HEALTH CARE – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND NHS – FUNDED NURSING CARE IN ENGLAND** (Enclosed)

The Government has produced a consultation document (July 2006) setting out proposals for the new integrated National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care in England. This Framework has been developed in response to widespread calls for the Government to act to promote fairness and consistency in the provision of these services, and to remove the potential for a 'postcode lottery' under current arrangements, in which each one of the 28 regional Strategic Health Authorities has its own policies and processes.

The consultation document and further information can be found online at [http://www.dh.gov.uk/Consultations/LiveConsultations/LiveConsultationsArticle/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=4136175&chk=fOAfTD](http://www.dh.gov.uk/Consultations/LiveConsultations/LiveConsultationsArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4136175&chk=fOAfTD).

Stockport PCT has a responsibility to ensure that the national consultation document is made widely available to statutory and voluntary organisations and the public in Stockport. The PCT is therefore presenting the document to key stakeholders including the Health Scrutiny Committee. A presentation will be given at the meeting and is attached to this report.

**The Committee is invited to comment on the presentation.**

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## **7. NEW TREATMENT FOR STROKES**

At its meeting on 1 August 2006 Cheadle Area Committee discussed 'New Treatment for Strokes' at the request of Councillor Derek Whitehead. Councillor Whitehead requested that the Area Committee consider holding an Open Forum with the theme "new treatment for strokes". Members recognised the benefit to be obtained by raising public interest in the issue of treatment for strokes but considered that the issue would benefit from a borough wide approach.

The Area Committee resolved that the Health Scrutiny Committee be requested to consider the health care and social well-being issues surrounding new treatment for strokes and the potential savings in the health care budget as a result of such measures. In addition, to consider the ways in which the new forms of treatment might be brought to the attention of the wider Stockport community.

**The Committee is invited to agree whether it wishes to consider 'New Treatment for Strokes' at a future meeting.**

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## **8. THE FUTURE ROLE OF ADVISERS IN THE ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Enclosed)

At its meeting on 12 June 2006 the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee considered a report discussing the future role of expert advisors. It was suggested that, given the introduction of a revised scrutiny committee structure this municipal year, it is an opportune time to review existing arrangements for advisers in scrutiny and agree a future role.

The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed:

(1) That advisers be invited to attend meetings of that Scrutiny Committee and speak only on matters relating to their area of interest/expertise when relevant agenda items are scheduled or when they can make a significant contribution to a relevant service area review.

(2) That the decision to invite an adviser be delegated to the Chair of that Scrutiny Committee, in consultation with the Scrutiny Officer on the basis of relevant topics featuring in the Scrutiny Committee's work and agenda programmes.

At its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006, Minute No. 6, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee resolved that Scrutiny Committees be recommended to adopt the above approach with regard to the role of advisers.

**The Committee is requested to indicate whether it agrees with the approach suggested by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.**

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## **9. AGENDA PLANNING**

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy, Performance and Governance).

(Enclosed)

The report sets out the planned agenda items for the Scrutiny Committee's next three meetings, Forward Plan items that fall within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee and progress with resolutions made by the Scrutiny Committee at previous meetings for this municipal year.

**The Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the information in the report and put forward any agenda items for future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.**

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