

**Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Report of the Director of Governance and Community Engagement, Dudley PCT**

**Report on Section 242 - Briefing issued by Department of Health**

**Purpose of Report**

To provide for information a copy of the Department of Health briefing on Section 242.

**Background**

The recently passed Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act makes provision to clarify and enhance the previous requirements placed on NHS bodies to involve and consult. It places a new duty on PCTs and SHAs to report on consultation. There is a new focus on 'World Class Commissioning' which involves continuous and meaningful engagement. The document attached provides the full details of these changes.

**Finance**

Not applicable.

**Law**

The attached report sets out the legislative changes and their implications.

**Equality Impact**

The duty to involve and consult with patients, public and communities applies to all people in Dudley and needs to be inclusive to achieve meaningful engagement.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.

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**List of Background Papers**

The National Health Service Act 2006  
The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

