

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007, at 6.00 p.m.  
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

**PRESENT:-**

Councillor Mrs Ridley (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs Faulkner (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs Aston, Mrs Blood, Jackson, Mrs Jordan, Lavender, J  
Martin and K Turner

**Officers**

Assistant Director Learning Disability and Mental Health (Acting Lead  
Officer to the Committee), Scrutiny Officer (Good Health) and Mrs M  
Johal (Directorate of Law and Property)

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23                    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Cowell and  
the Assistant Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services  
(Policy, Performance and Resources) Lead Officer to the Committee.

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24                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Jordan declared a personal interest in accordance with  
the Members' Code of Conduct, in agenda item No 6 (Joint Overview  
and Scrutiny Committee to Consider the Future Configuration of Mental  
Health Services in Dudley and Walsall), in view of a family member  
receiving a service relevant to the report.

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25                    **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup>  
September, 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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26                    **PUBLIC FORUM**

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

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## JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE CONFIGURATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN DUDLEY AND WALSALL

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on arrangements to establish a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the consultation document on the future of Mental Health Services in Dudley and Walsall.

Arising from the presentation of the report it was proposed, and upon being put to the vote, agreed by a majority vote, that the composition of the Joint Committee for Dudley should include a Member of the Liberal Democrat Group.

The Scrutiny Officer (Good Health) undertook to circulate a copy of the business plan to Members nominated to serve on the Joint Committee for information. The Assistant Director Learning Disability and Mental Health also undertook to ensure relevant experienced people were also invited to attend the meetings.

### RESOLVED

- (1) That it be agreed that the proposed Dudley – Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust constitutes a substantial variation in NHS Services.
- (2) That a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee of elected members from Walsall and Dudley Metropolitan Borough Councils be established to consider and formulate a response to the consultation document, 'A Better Deal'.
- (3) That the Joint Committee meet in November on a date to be determined to undertake the necessary work and that it be noted that a follow up meeting may be necessary early in the New Year.
- (4) That Walsall be approached with a view to holding the meetings at the Council House, Dudley.
- (5) That the Joint Committee comprise two Conservative Members, two Labour Members and one Liberal Democrat Member, to include the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, namely:- Councillors Mrs Ridney and Mrs Jordan, Mrs Faulkner and Jackson and Lavender.
- (6) That the terms of reference of the Joint Committee be approved, subject to the inclusion of a paragraph to reflect that substitution to be made from Members of this Select Committee only.

- (7) That clarification be sought on the meaning of paragraph 4 in Appendix B to the report submitted regarding Cabinet involvement and if necessary the terms of reference be amended accordingly.

The meeting ended at 6:32 pm

CHAIRMAN