

**Select Committee on Good Health – 29 March 2006**

**Report of Head of Personnel and Support Services, Lead Officer, Health Scrutiny**

**Black Country Review of Health Services – Consultation.**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To invite members to comment upon and make decisions as appropriate in relation to the proposals contained in the Black Country Review Consultation Document.

**Background**

2. A review of health services in the Black Country has been taking place since 2003. Members of the Committee have seen and commented upon the full report at earlier Committees. The aim of the review is to consider how best to meet the long term health needs of people in Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton.
3. The proposed changes at this stage concern Cancer services, Cardiac services, Paediatric and Neonatal services at Russells Hall Hospital, The Manor Hospital, and New Cross Hospital.
4. Full details are provided in the Consultation Document, previously circulated to Members.

**Finance**

5. There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report at this stage.

**Law**

6. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Council's Constitution are contained in Part 11 of the Local Government Act 2000, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.


**Equality Impact**

7. This report complies with the Council's equality and diversity policy.

**Recommendation**

8. It is recommended that:-

the Select Committee considers the proposal and makes decisions about it as appropriate.

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**List of Background Papers**

None