

GOOD HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE - 26 JANUARY 2006

Report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Chief Executive of Dudley Group of Hospitals

Dudley Group of Hospitals Service Development Strategy

Purpose of Report

1. For the Good Health Select Committee (GHSC) to consider a presentation from the Dudley Group of Hospitals on their Service Development Strategy (SDS) as part of their application to become a Foundation Trust.

Background

2. As a “Three-Star” good performing hospital for two years running, the DGH is embracing at an early stage the policy that allows all hospitals to move to Foundation Trust status from 2008.
3. To this end, the DGH needs to develop a “Service Development Strategy” about which it needs to consult as widely as possible to maximise the opportunity for the local community influence on the development of the plan.
4. The GHSC is invited to consider the presentation which is made at this meeting with a view to making comment as appropriate.

Finance

5. It is amongst the principles of a Foundation Trust that it needs to manage its finances in a business-like way. A new aspect in financial terms will be the ability of Foundation Trusts to raise money from sources other than Government.

Law

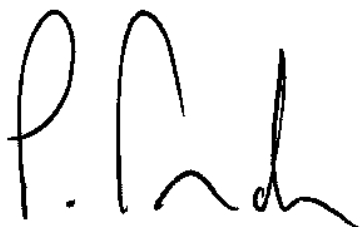
6. The Health and Social Care Act 2003 established NHS foundation trusts as independent public benefit corporations modelled on co-operative and mutual traditions.

Equality Impact

7. The vision and values of the DGH for the new Foundation Trust includes reference to treating patients and staff fairly.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Committee consider the presentation by the DGH for the development of a Service Development Strategy.



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