

Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care – 23rd November 2006

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Annual Report of the Select Committee on Good Health 2005/2006

Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider the annual report to the Council, for the review of the 2005/2006 year.

Background

2.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires Select Committees to report annually to the full Council and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

2.2 The Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care has the role of reviewing and/or scrutinizing decisions made or actions taken in connection with the provision, planning and management of health and social care.

2.3 The Chairman and Chief Executives of the Health Service in Dudley have agreed to hold regular meetings with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Officers of the Select Committee on Good Health to discuss matters of common interest.

2.4 During the 2005/06 municipal year the Committee pursued the following Work Programme.

2.4.1 Reviews.

- Wheelchair Services Review.
- Quality and Perceptions of Quality within the Health Service

2.4.2 Promotion of the Work of the Committee

- The use of advertisements in the local press asking the public to specify their three main health priorities so that one matter might be selected for further investigation and report back.
- The use of Area Committees, Libraries, and Council publications such to advertise the work and role of the Committee.

2.4.3 Information updates for Members

The following briefings reports were sent to members during the year:

| Date | Report/Briefing Title |
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| 12/05/2005 | National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths: Intensive Care |
| 31/05/2005 | Creating a patient-led NHS |
| 31/05/2005 | Dudley Group of Hospitals Foundation Trust status |
| 01/06/2005 | Mental Health Acute Services |
| 02/06/2005 | The Work of the Committee 2004: House of Commons Health Select Committee. |
| 07/06/2005 | Public health - Trail blazers. |
| 08/06/2005 | Heart Drug Sales Consultation results cover up. |
| 08/06/2005 | The Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry. House of Commons. Health Select Committee. |
| 15/06/2005 | Articles on quality and measuring quality. |
| 21/06/2005 | Centre for Public Scrutiny. Scrutiny Champions June 2005 Newsletter. |
| 23/06/2005 | Smoke Free Consultation Document |
| 28/06/2005 | Improving patient care by reducing the risk of Hospital Acquired Infection. House of Commons Public Accounts Committee. |
| 29/06/2005 | An Evaluation of Extended Formulary Independent Nurse Prescribing. |
| 29/06/2005 | Mental Health Promotion - Implementing Standard One of National Service Framework for Mental Health. Sainsbury Centre. |
| 05/07/2005 | Local Neonatal Network. Report of Meeting 29/06/05. |
| 13/07/2005 | Report on meeting about Healthcare Commission Standards |
| 20/07/2005 | Report about State of Public Health - Chief Medical Officer Annual Report |
| 02/08/2005 | Democratic Health Network (DHN). Summary of the Healthcare Commission's State of Health Care report |

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| 02/08/2005 | Feedback report from West Midlands Ambulance Service Patient and Public Involvement Stakeholder event. |
| 03/08/2005 | Commissioning for a patient-led NHS |
| 31/08/2005 | Telecare - looking after people from a distance |
| 31/08/2005 | Tackling Health Inequalities: Status report on Programme for Action. |
| 01/09/2005 | GP league tables - notes plus local results. |
| 14/09/2005 | Articles about effectiveness of national Sure Start. |
| 14/09/2005 | Handouts from Let's Talk evening: Future of Dudley Group of Hospitals. |
| 20/09/2005 | Delays in Cancer Drugs Approval - Cancer Bacup |
| 20/09/2005 | Health Services Journal Report about Quality Outcomes Framework for Primary Care. |
| 21/09/2005 | Children's Trusts; promoting the welfare of children. DHN Briefing |
| 29/09/2005 | Independent Sector Treatment Centres (ITSCs) |
| 06/10/2005 | Guidance about Joint Health Scrutiny Committees |
| 06/10/2005 | The role of scrutiny in the corporate planning process |
| 12/10/2005 | Monthly Health Review for September 2005. DHN. |
| 18/10/2005 | Early lessons from payment by results. DHN |
| 18/10/2005 | Specialised Health Promotion Staff. DHN. |
| 09/11/2005 | Monthly Health Review for October DHN |
| 09/11/2005 | Article about Physiological Measurement |
| 09/11/2005 | Article about results from care outside hospital consultation. |
| 15/11/2005 | Annual Report Dudley Group of Hospitals |
| 23/11/2005 | Annual Report Beacon and Castle PCT. |
| 23/11/2005 | Mainstreaming Mental Health. An Introduction for Councillors. |
| 28/12/2005 | CSCI. The state of social care in England |
| 10/01/2006 | Monthly Health Review for December 2005 DHN |

2.4.4 Select Committee Meetings

- Continue to Scrutinise Social Services: Children’s Directorate; Adult Services by considering
 - Performance monitoring reports
 - Updates on progress of new or re-provided services
 - Consultation about new developments

- Continue to scrutinise NHS with a focus on (in order of importance):
 - Accessible and responsive care
 - Patient-led NHS
 - Safety
 - Environment of care for patients
 - Public health
 - Governance
 - Clinical and cost-effectiveness of services

Deal with consultations on changes in services when matters arise. Matters the committee considered were:

- Merger of the Dudley PCTs and the development of practice-based commissioning and the future provision of community health services.
- Resettlement of Ridge Hill Hospital
- Merger of Wolverhampton and Walsall Acute Hospital Trusts
- Merger and reconfiguration of Ambulance Services.
- Merger of Sandwell and City (Birmingham) Acute Hospital Trusts
- Development of Dudley Group of Hospitals towards Foundation status
- Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS and Healthcare outside hospital White Papers.

2.4.5 General matters of concern.

- Progress reports on the best value and performance management reports considered by the committee in the 2005/2006 municipal year

- Scrutiny of general matters relating to health of both the citizens of the Borough and employees of the Council.

2.5 Major matters considered by the Committee at its meetings during 2005/2006 (excluding DACHS performance reports).

| Date | Matters Considered |
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| 06/07/05 | 1. DUDLEY PRIMARY CARE TRUST LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN 2005-2008 2. DRAFT HEALTH INEQUALITIES STRATEGY 3. CAR PARKING AT RUSSELLS HALL HOSPITAL Oral report of the Director of the Urban Environment. 4. WORK PROGRAMME OF THE COMMITTEE 2005/06 5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON GOOD HEALTH 6. REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE |

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| | SOCIAL SERVICES EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2004/05 |
| 28/09/05 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UPDATE OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL STRATEGY a report of the Director of Finance. 2. DUDLEY SOUTH PCT: PODIATRY/PODIATRIC SERVICES UPDATE 3. THE ROLE OF HEALTH SCRUTINY IN THE PROCESS SURROUNDING THE HEALTHCARE COMMISSION'S ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK OF NHS TRUSTS 4. PROPOSED MERGER OF WOLVERHAMPTON AND WALSALL ACUTE HOSPITAL TRUSTS 5. THE SOCIAL SERVICES STATUTORY COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES ANNUAL REPORT To consider a report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services. 6. UPDATE ON WHEELCHAIR SERVICES REVIEW 7. HEALTH SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2005/06 |
| 17/11/06 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE CLOSURE OF BRIERLEY HILL LEISURE CENTRE 2. PRESENTATION ON PROGRESS ON MEETING PUBLIC HEALTH TARGETS SET OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ITS PAPER 'CHOOSING HEALTH' 3. WAITING TIMES FOR DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES, CANCELLATION OF SURGICAL OPERATIONS AND WAITS FOR MEDICATION FROM THE PHARMACY AT RUSSELLS HALL HOSPITAL 4. LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR COMPLEX NEEDS: PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPING MEDIUM SECURE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MEN 5. MERGER OF WOLVERHAMPTON AND WALSALL HOSPITALS 6. WHEELCHAIR SERVICES REVIEW 7. RESETTLEMENT OF RIDGE HILL HOSPITAL |
| 26/01/06 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PRESENTATIONS BY THE STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY ON: (A) PRIMARY CARE TRUST MERGERS (B) STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY MERGERS (C) AMBULANCE SERVICE MERGERS 2. DUDLEY GROUP OF HOSPITALS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 3. REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2006/07 4. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 5. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN performance on BV163 and PAF indicator C23 6. UPDATE ON REVIEWS |

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| 29/03/06 | <p>1. INCLUSION OF A STANDARD ITEM ON AGENDAS TO FACILITATE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RAISING ANY VIEWS OR CONCERNS OR ASK QUESTIONS FALLING WITHIN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE.</p> <p>2. OUR HEALTH, OUR CARE, OUR SAY: A NEW DIRECTION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES - THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WHITE PAPER</p> <p>3. THE BLACK COUNTRY REVIEW – PUBLIC CONSULTATION</p> <p>4. MENTAL HEALTH a) The integrated mental health service in Dudley b) Future configuration of mental health services for the Black Country</p> <p>5. THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUDLEY GROUP OF HOSPITALS NHS TRUST</p> <p>6. DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES - ANNUAL EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2006/07)</p> <p>7. WHEELCHAIR SERVICES REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT (Project complications relating to survey arising from DGOH ethics committee)</p> |

2.6 Developments

- The Access to Maternity Services review was published and was presented to the DGOH Executive. The document was well received and a report containing how DGOH would respond to the relevant recommendations published and considered at a DGOH board meeting. It is intended that the recommendations laid out in the review are to be implemented by the Improving Maternity Care Project Implementation Group set up by the Primary Care Trusts and Dudley Group of Hospitals. Exact details of the method and progress of the group's response to each of respective recommendations will be brought to light in a 'follow up' review to be implemented in the near future.
- The draft set of recommendations have been formulated following the Wheelchair Services Review. These are to be considered by the project board once the feasibility and responsibilities of the recommendations have been agreed between scrutiny and the health services.
- That proposal to include a standard item on future agendas of the Committee so as to facilitate members of the public asking questions on any matter falling within the terms of reference of the Committee has now been endorsed and is now a permanent feature on all agendas. To give the widest possible coverage of this opportunity advertisements have been placed in various newspapers and other branches of the media.
- Meetings have been held with the Chairmen and Chief Executives of the Health Services Trusts. Further meetings are planned.

- Representatives of the Select Committee have attended meetings of the Patients Forums, board meetings of the PCT and DGOH, meetings of Health Scrutiny Chairs forum and Centre for Public Scrutiny seminars and conferences.
- The work of the Committee has been advertised in a variety of ways including Local Area Committees. The Scrutiny section of the website has been updated and made easier to navigate to and around.
- Members have listened to a series of presentations from officers of the Health Service and Social Services and have received regular updates about developments in health and social care and about the principles and practice of scrutiny.

Proposals

3.1 That the annual report of the Select Committee on Good Health for 2005/2006, as set out above, be referred to the Council, together with any comments thereon made by the Executive.

Finance

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report at this stage.

Law

5.1 The requirement for the Committee to make an annual report to the Council is contained in Article 6 of the Constitution.

5.2 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

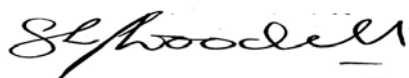
6.1 This report complies with the Council's equality and diversity policy.

Recommendations

7.1 That the proposals set out in paragraph 3.1 above be approved.

Background Papers

8.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution. The Minutes of the Meetings of the Select Committee on Good Health held in the 2005/2006 municipal year and the reports submitted to those meetings.



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