

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

<i>Name of Committee</i>	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<i>Date of Committee</i>	15th June, 2005
<i>Report Title</i>	MRSA in Warwickshire
<i>Summary</i>	The Committee to note MRSA figures for the period April 2001 to September 2004. Briefing paper attached.
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<i>Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?</i>	No.
<i>Background papers</i>	None

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MRSA Figures from April 2001 to September 2004

Latest figures for the Department of Health and Health Protection Agency show that the rate of MRSA has decreased from 0.188 to 0.168 (per 1000 bed days) England over the last 6 months. The reduction in the number of cases for this six months totals 421. There were 3940 cases in the period October 2003 to March 2004 and 3519 cases in the period April to September 2004.

The rates of MRSA are calculated using per 1000 bed days in NHS trusts. So a large hospital may have a large number of cases, but may also have a higher number of bed days and as a result the rate may be quite low. However, a smaller hospital may have a small number of cases and a lower number of bed days, which could give a rate higher than a larger hospital.

- The highest number of MRSA cases (April 2004-Sept 2004) was at Leeds Teaching hospital with 99. However, its rate at 0.24 was the same as George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust, which had 17 cases of MRSA.
- The highest MRSA rate for April 2004-Sept 2004 was at Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Trust with 0.38. It had 5 MRSA cases in that period.
- Information about MRSA rates can be found on the Health Protection Agency Website <http://www.hpa.org.uk>

This table gives the number of cases and MRSA rates of the NHS Trusts in Coventry and Warwickshire from April 2001 – Sept 2004

Name of NHS Trust	No. Cases Apr01/Sept01	Rate Apr01/Sept01	No. Cases Oct01/Mar02	Rate Oct01/Mar02	No. Cases Apr02/Sept02	Rate Apr02/Sept02	No. Cases Oct 02/Mar03	Rate Oct02/Mar03	No. Cases Apr03/Sept03	Rate Apr03/Sept03	No. Cases Oct03/Mar04	Rates Oct03/Mar04	No. Cases Apr04/Sep04	Rates Apr04/Sep04
George Eliot Hospital	10	0.15	5	0.07	11	0.16	16	0.23	15	0.21	10	0.14	17	0.24
South Warwickshire General Hospitals	10	0.13	9	0.11	10	0.13	8	0.1	16	0.21	21	0.28	14	0.19
University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire	32	0.17	42	0.22	42	0.21	40	0.2	47	0.23	32	0.16	23	0.11

