

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Health Overview And Scrutiny Committee

Date of Committee 27th July 2005

Report Title **Review of Good Practice Guidelines on Service Variations and Developments**

Summary A 12 month review on Health Overview and Scrutiny in Warwickshire 'Good Practice Guidelines on Service Variations and Developments' document.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers Good Practice Guidelines on Service Variations and Developments Document

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr Roodhouse
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive David Carter
- Legal Jane Pollard
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers Marion Davis
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION NO

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Review of Good Practice Guidelines on Service Variations and Developments

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

1. Recommend that the document remains unaltered until the proposed changes to the arrangements for NHS and Patient and Public Involvement Forums have been fully implemented.

1. Background

At its meeting on 27th July 2004 the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that the Good Practice Guidelines on Service Variations and Developments would be reviewed in 12 months time. The following report briefly reviews the document's use by NHS partners and the Committee and planned changes to the arrangements for the NHS and Patient and Public Involvement Forums.

2. Recommendation

Recommend that the document remains unaltered until proposed changes to the arrangements for the NHS and Patient and Public Involvement Forums have been fully implemented.

DAVID CARTER
County Solicitor and Assistant
Chief Executive

Shire Hall
Warwick

29 June 2005

Good Practice Guidelines on Service Variations and Developments

Review of Document

The 'Good Practice Guidelines on Service Variations and Developments' was agreed by all partners and was approved by Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 27th July 2004. At this meeting it was recommended that this document would be reviewed in 12 months time.

Since approval the document has been available for use by health partners and to date it has provided help and guidance on what they should do when there are service variations or developments. It has also provided guidance to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on how they need to respond to proposed changes in NHS service provision in Warwickshire

In practice it appears to be working well and there has been no indication, at this stage, from health partners or the Committee that any section requires further explanation to improve clarity. Also the document in time will need to reflect the planned changes to the arrangements for the NHS and the Patient and Public Involvement Forums, so it may be wise to wait until these have been implemented. For example the three West Midland Strategic Health Authorities are going to merge into a Regional Strategic Health Authority and the support arrangements for the Patient and Public Involvement Forum is in the process of changing from the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health to another body.

Therefore the recommendation would be that the document remains unaltered, at this stage and is reviewed when the planned changes in the NHS have been implemented and the PPI Forum support arrangements have been agreed.