

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

<i>Name of Committee/PAG</i>	Health Overview And Scrutiny Committee
<i>Date of Committee</i>	18 January 2006
<i>Report Title</i>	Stroke Consultants
<i>Summary</i>	The text of an e-mail from Mr. David Gee, Chair of the South Warwickshire PPI Forum attached.
<i>For further information please contact:</i>	Phil Maull Senior Committee Administrator Tel: 01926 412834

TEXT OF AN E-MAIL DATED THE 5TH JANUARY 2006 TO ALWIN MCGIBBON,
HEALTH SCRUTINY OFFICER.

The Forum are having a major disagreement with Warwick Hospital on the subject of the Stroke Consultants.

Whilst I have a meeting arranged with Teresa French and one requested with Janet Monkman, I am aware that the next O&SC meeting is very soon and I don't want to leave this matter too long.

Briefly, when the Stroke Project was set up, it was envisaged that a lead Consultant would be appointed to lead the team and lead the drive towards excellence. Dr Ngeh was appointed, but we have now found out that the four Geriatric Consultants (stroke care was within geriatrics until recently) have decided among themselves to rotate. The Forum cannot accept this for two reasons: firstly, we feel that every critically ill patient is entitled to see a specialist and not just a Consultant who has had extra training. Secondly, especially with critical conditions, the Doctor/patient relationship is so important. By rotating, the patient could see a different doctor on every visit. In addition, without a clear lead, Warwick Hospital is already falling behind on the latest treatments and procedures in place elsewhere.

Do you feel that this is something the Committee would wish to look at?

Regards

David Gee,
Chair, South Warwickshire PPI Forum.