

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

22nd March 2006

Agenda

A meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2006** at **10.00 a.m.**

The agenda will be:

1. General

- (1) Apologies for absence
- (2) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Note: Members should disclose the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Personal interests relating to any item on the agenda arising by virtue of the member serving as a District/Borough councillor are declared below:-

County Councillors:

Councillor John Appleton – Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Councillor Bob Hicks – Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
Councillor Anita Macaulay – Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Councillor Jerry Roodhouse – Rugby Borough Council
Councillor John Ross – Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

District/Borough Councils:

Councillor Richard Meredith – North Warwickshire Borough Council
Councillor Bill Hancox – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Councillor Kathleen Hayter – Rugby Borough Council
Councillor Anthony Dixon – Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Councillor Michael Kinson – Warwick District Council

- (3) **Minutes of the meetings held on the 18th and 25th January and the 3rd March 2006.**

2 Public Question Time (Standing Order 34)

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

For further information on the public question time please contact Phil Maull on 01926 412834 or e-mail philmaull@warwickshire.gov.uk.

3 Review of the Impact of the New Out of Hours Arrangements on South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust A&E Admission Figures

A report last year highlighted increasing pressures experienced by South Warwickshire PCT caused by higher than expected increase in emergency admissions to South Warwickshire General Hospitals Trust. It was suggested that the new arrangements for GP Out of Hours Service may be contributing to some of the increase in accident and emergency (A&E) admissions. This is a summary of the investigation into this matter.

Recommendation

That the committee considers this report.

4 Mental Health Review - consultations

At their meeting on the 14th March the County Council asked the Committee to consider the Mental Health consultations in more detail and report back with recommendations to the Council's April meeting. Rachel Harris from the Centre for Public Scrutiny will be available to assist the Committee in those considerations. (Papers will be made available to members prior to the meeting).

5 Correspondence NHS Core Standards

The Committee to note letters sent, after consulting the Chair and Spokepersons, in support of the core standards declarations by the Coventry and Warwickshire Ambulance NHS Trust and the North Warwickshire Primary Care Trusts.

6 Future meetings and work programme to date

The attached chart sets out the current programme (subject to any addition or change and any suggestion made by Members at this and future meetings). A separate chart showing the panel programme is also attached.

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 10 May 2006 at 10 am. Current items for the agenda are:

Acute Services review consultation.
Mental Health (2nd Phase) – panel report.
Equity of Access – Cancer Services.
Report on Peer Review.

In addition there are to be two additional meetings of the Committee on Wednesday 26th April 2006 at 10 am at Stratford-upon-Avon in connection with the Acute Services Review and Foundation Status consultation and on Wednesday 21st June 2006 at 2.15 pm at Rugby again in connection with the Acute Services Review.

9. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

JIM GRAHAM,
Chief Executive.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- John Appleton, Sarah Boad, Anne Forwood (Vice Chair), John Haynes, Marion Haywood, Bob Hicks, Anita Macaulay, Frank McCarney, Helen McCarthy, Raj Randev, Jerry Roodhouse (Chair) and John Ross.

Cabinet Portfolio Holders:- County Councillors Bob Stevens (Performance Management) and Colin Hayfield (Adult and Community Services)

District and Borough Councillors (5-voting) One Member from each district/borough in Warwickshire. Each must be a member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee of their authority:

North Warwickshire Borough Council:	Councillor Richard Meredith
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council:	Councillor Bill Hancox
Rugby Borough Council	Councillor Kathleen Hayter
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Councillor Anthony Dixon
Warwick District Council:	Councillor Michael Kinson

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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