

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting:	29 November 2011
Report Title:	Work Programme
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1. Purpose of Report

- To consider the Committee's forthcoming work programme
- To receive recommendations from a seminar held on 7 November about Fast Track Continuing Healthcare (see Appendix One).

RESOLVED

- That Members consider and approve the work programme
- That Members endorse the following recommendations based on the experience of clinicians across the County on accessing Fast Track Continuing Healthcare that were shared with Members at the seminar:
 1. That the PCT, working with Adult Services, rolls out the Basingstoke pilot across Hampshire, taking account of the good practice identified in Southampton and Portsmouth. This should be taken forward as soon as possible and the timetable for implementation shared with the HOSC in January.
 2. That the HOSC is advised of the timeframe for conducting and completing the independent review of these services. The report should be shared with the HOSC with a supporting action plan.

3. With immediate effect – in the event of a dispute- the support recommended by the responsible clinician is put in place until the dispute is resolved. If the PCT is unable to respond to this request we would expect, as a minimum, that there is rigorous audit of the triage system that has been put in place. This should be shared with clinicians, Trusts and the HOSC. Individual clinicians will also be advised in written or electronic format of the reasons why any request for fast track referral is declined.
4. Referrals are routinely audited and feedback regularly provided to Trusts and clinicians about the appropriateness of the use of the fast track tool
5. Arrangements are put in hand to ensure that referrals from the community and other service areas are dealt with appropriately
6. Joint training arrangements are put in place to ensure that all care providers are aware of the purpose and application of the fast track tool
7. Joint operational protocols are agreed to support the delivery of the fast track policy, and all existing NHS Hampshire operational policies on Continuing Healthcare are updated to reflect these protocols.'

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A

Impact on Crime and Disorder: N/A

WORK PROGRAMME – HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 2010-2011

Topic	Issue	Lead organisation	Status	24 Jan 2012	27 Mar 2012	22 May 2012
Monitoring Scrutiny & Overview Outcomes – to examine responses to the Committee’s recommendations and monitor progress						
South East Capacity Plan / Oak Park Hospital	NHS justification for reversing its prior commitment to develop a replacement local hospital, including inpatient facility.	NHS Hampshire	Close monitoring around clarity on provision of inpatient beds and emergency care		Progress update	
Diabetes Community Service Model	Proposed change in approach to provision of delivering diabetes care in the community based on experience in SE Hampshire over the last three years	PHT	Change in service	Briefing		
Hythe Hospital – temporary closure	Inpatient facility temporarily closed due to clinical safety grounds – commitment given to reopen possibly by August	Southern Health	Monitoring required against indicated timeframe		Progress update	

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Odiham Hospital – proposed termination of contract for inpatient care	NHS H given notice to HCHC who provide nursing care	SHIP PCT cluster	Monitoring engagement with stakeholders			
Andover Birthing Centre	Update on services provided and plans to overcome temporary suspension of births	WEHT/ Dir PH	Women / patients in Andover consultation outcomes			
Nurturing Maternity Service Development: SE Hampshire	Proposed case for change in maternity services in SE Hampshire	PHT	Proposal for change based on workstreams looking at different aspects of maternity care			
Consultation on Adult Mental Health Services in South Hampshire	Proposals for evolving model of service delivery	Southern Health	ongoing			
Children’s Cardiac Surgery Services (national consultation)	Proposals for the provision of centres of excellence and supporting facilities	NHS Specialist Commissioning Group	Development and consultation			
Southeast Hampshire	NHS Hampshire review of services	SHIP PCT cluster	Early engagement			

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Sustainability review	provided in the area to determine sustainable options		with stakeholders			
Basingstoke and North Hampshire Foundation Trust: 'acquisition' of Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare Trust	Progress towards merger by acquisition by BNH FT of WEHT	BNH FT	Process underway		Update	
East Hampshire community hospitals: future options	Consideration of future service options for community hospitals in east Hampshire	SHIP PCT cluster	Options development			

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Monitoring Outcomes of Reviews – to examine responses to the Committee’s recommendations and conclusions						
Joint Scrutiny with Children & Young People Select Committee of Therapy provision for children with SEN	Concern exists about equitable provision of therapy services to disabled children across the county.	Hampshire Joint Child Health Commissioning Board	Final Draft Report Completed May 2010	Full progress update		
Fluoridation of drinking water in Southampton and SW Hampshire	Full Council opposes the decision by the SHA	South Central SHA	Legal opinion given in support of fluoridation			
Falls Review	Claimed significant driver of ambulance activity, also NHS and social care expenditure	NHS Hampshire Adult Services	Final Draft Report Completed March 2011		Progress Update	

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Potential Reviews						
Fast Track Continuing Healthcare	Inequity of access across SHIP areas, significant difficulty of access reported by clinicians in Hampshire	Hampshire PCT (SHIP PCT cluster), provider trusts and AS	Candidate review			