

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP ON CHASE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Role and Purpose of the Task and Finish Working Group

The Task and Finish Working Group is a working group of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), and is appointed in accordance with the Constitution of Hampshire County Council.

The Task and Finish Group's purpose is to review aspects of the proposals for the future of Chase Community Hospital prior to a final business case being brought to the HOSC at its meeting on 26 March 2013.

2. Scope of the Task and Finish Group

The HOSC have reviewed options for the future of Chase Community Hospital proposed by Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Primary Care Trust Cluster (SHIP PCT Cluster) and South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SEHCCG) since 2010. The Trust have sought support for their plans to implement a new bed-based model of care in the Whitehill and Bordon area, replacing the eight inpatient beds currently used at the Hospital, as well as extending outpatient community clinics at the Chase.

Members have noted concerns from local community representatives on the future use of the Hospital. The Committee therefore agreed to form a working group to explore the following issues (subject to confirmation at the initial meeting of the Group):

- (a)** To consider the clinical evidence base for the preferred bed-based model of care option, to include why other models have not been progressed.
- (b)** To examine GP support for the bed-based model of care.
- (c)** To review the outcomes of public and patient engagement with the local community, and to understand how these will be incorporated into the final business case.

The working group will also monitor work progressing on the final business case prior to the 26 March 2013 Committee meeting, including the risks and proposed risk mitigations of the service change.

3. Method

The working group will consider the evidence received by the HOSC to date from the relevant NHS Bodies. Where the working group requires

further information in order to pursue the concerns outlined in the scope, such information will be requested.

4. Membership

The working group shall be a cross party group made up of five Members of the HOSC.

5. Meetings

The Working Group shall first meet in January 2013. It shall meet as often as required to satisfactorily explore concerns raised.

6. Code of Conduct

Elected Members of the Working Group shall comply with the Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct applicable to Members.

7. Reporting

The Working Group will report its findings to the HOSC meeting scheduled for 26 March 2013. The relevant NHS Body will be present at this meeting to respond to the findings of the Working Group.

The Working Group will cease to exist once its purpose has been fulfilled.