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Health Scrutiny Select Committee

A meeting of the Health Scrutiny Select Committee will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Monday 6th February 2006** in **Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester.**

Mike Kendall
County Secretary

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Indicative Timetable

Agenda Items 1-3	10.30 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.	
Agenda Item 4	10.40 a.m. – 12.05 p.m.	NHS Reconfigurations
Short Break	12.05 p.m. – 12.10 p.m.	
Agenda Item 5	12.10 p.m. – 12.40 p.m.	SHA Strategic Work Programme
Agenda Item 6	12.40 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Ridings and Birchfield Task Force
Lunch	1.00 p.m. – 1.20 p.m.	
Agenda Item 7	1.20 p.m. – 1.40 p.m.	Modernising Mental Health (MH) in AAW
Agenda Item 8	1.40 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Older People's MH in Western Sussex
Agenda Item 9	2.00 p.m. - 2.20 p.m.	NHS Draft Declarations
Agenda Item 10	2.20 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Clearing House Group
Agenda Items 11-15	2.30 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.	Information Items

1. Declaration of Interests

Members and officers are invited to make declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that these may be required when a particular item or issue is considered. (If in doubt, please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.)

2. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Select Committee held on 5th December 2005 – [herewith](#).

3. Urgent Matters

Items not on the agenda, which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances. Should there be any urgent items, the Chairman will advise of the place in the agenda at which those items will be considered.

KEY ITEMS

4. Ensuring a Patient-led NHS – Consultation on Reconfiguration of the Strategic Health Authority, Primary Care Trusts and Ambulance Trust

Report by the Health Scrutiny Officer – [herewith](#).

The Surrey and Sussex Strategic Health Authority (SHA) is leading the local consultations on the future boundaries for NHS organisations in the area. This is part of a national consultation process, which began on 14th December 2005 and will run until 22nd March 2006.

Simon Williams, Director of Policy at the Surrey and Sussex SHA, will give an introductory presentation on the following reconfiguration options:

- (i) **Strategic Health Authority**
- (ii) **Primary Care Trusts**
- (iii) **Ambulance Trust.**

The Committee is asked to comment on the report and consultation documents and to consider the proposed options and its formal response to the SHA.

5. Update on Surrey and Sussex Strategic Health Authority 'Strategic Work Programme'

Draft Summary of Strategic Work Programme (document + 6 fact sheets):

[Creating an NHS fit for the future](#)

[Fact Sheet 1](#)

[Fact Sheet 2](#)

[Fact Sheet 3](#)

[Fact Sheet 4](#)

[Fact Sheet 5](#)

[Fact Sheet 6](#)

Simon Williams, Director of Policy at the Surrey and Sussex SHA, gave a presentation to the Committee on 4th July 2005 about the SHA's programme for the development of services. Mr. Williams will introduce the SHA's most recent work on the Strategic Work Programme, highlight the impact on hospitals and outline the next steps.

The Committee is asked to comment and to note the report.

The Committee is also asked to consider whether it wishes to discuss this issue in more detail at the Committee's next meeting on 20th March and/or how it would like to receive further updates from the SHA.

TASK FORCE WORK

6. Ridings and Birchfield Units, Southlands Hospital Task Force

- (i) Final Report by the Task Force – [herewith](#).
- (ii) Letter from the PPI Forum for West Sussex Health and Social Care NHS Trust – copy available on request.

The report advises on the work of the Task Force which was set up to consider changes to the Ridings and Birchfield older people's mental health units at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham and related changes affecting the Tarring Ward at Salvington Lodge, the Meadowfield Unit at Swandean Hospital, Worthing and the East Tyne Unit in Worthing.

The Task Force supports the proposals for the reprovision of older people's mental health services as contained in the public consultation document, but raised some issues concerning risks to the satisfactory implementation of the proposals and would like to see the new arrangements formally evaluated.

The Committee is asked to consider the report and the letter from the West Sussex Health and Social Care NHS Trust and to agree the recommendations contained in the report.

7. Modernising Mental Health Services in Adur, Arun and Worthing

Report by the Director of Corporate Management, Adur, Arun and Worthing PCT and Executive Directors at West Sussex Health and Social Care NHS Trust - [herewith](#).

The report advises on the next phase of the Mental Health Modernisation programme in Adur, Arun and Worthing, which will review care for some patients at the Queens Road and Heene Road facilities in Worthing. Due to severe staffing difficulties, such that the Trust now considers there is a significant risk to patient care, it is proposed that it would not be reasonable for the Trust to keep the service going beyond March/mid-April 2006.

The Committee is invited to comment on the report and to agree that a Task Force is established to scrutinise the proposed changes. Volunteers are sought to join the Task Force.

8. Modernising Mental Health Services for Older People in Western Sussex PCT Locality

Report by the Director of Planning, Partnerships and Commissioning for Western Sussex PCT and the Executive Director for Social Care, Older People and Learning Disability Services for West Sussex Health and Social Care NHS Trust - [herewith](#).

The report outlines plans to consult on the modernisation of mental health services for older people in Western Sussex. A public consultation process will take place between February and April 2006.

The Committee is asked to comment on the report and to agree that a Task Force is established to scrutinise the proposed changes. Volunteers are sought to join the Task Force.

PROGRESS REPORTS

9. NHS Draft Declarations Report

Report by the Health Scrutiny Officer – [herewith](#).

The report sets out the performance of all West Sussex NHS organisations against the Healthcare Commission's Standards for Better Health, as declared in their Draft Declarations in October/November 2005.

The Committee is asked to note the report and to agree whether it wishes to comment on the Final Declarations due to be submitted at the end of March 2006.

10. Clearing House Group

Report by the Chairman of the Clearing House Group – [herewith](#).

The Clearing House Group met on 5th January 2006. The Chairman will report on this meeting which discussed: -

- (i) Modernising Mental Health Services for Older People in Western Sussex PCT Locality*
- (ii) Modernising Mental Health Services in Adur, Arun and Worthing*
- (iii) Western Sussex PCT Service Re-design Programme for Elective (Scheduled) Referrals**
- (iv) Laparoscopic Surgery for Upper Gastro-intestinal (GI) Cancers – Cessation of Services at Worthing Hospital**
- (v) Membership of the Clearing House Group**
- (vi) Finance and Performance of West Sussex NHS Trusts – Response from the Strategic Health Authority*

Items (i), (ii) and (vi) have been brought to the Committee elsewhere on the agenda.

The Committee is asked to consider the Group's recommendations contained in the report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Joint Committee to Consider NHS Consultation on "Best Care, Best Place" (established in November 2004)

The Joint Committee was established to consider NHS proposals to make substantial changes to health services in the Brighton and central Sussex area. The public consultation process ran from 2nd November 2004 until 22nd February 2005. The Joint Committee was made up of nine members,

with three each from the Health Scrutiny Committees of West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton and Hove. The three members from West Sussex on the Joint Committee were Mr. Brown, Mr. Chaplin and Cllr. Mrs. Seward.

The Joint Committee is planning to reconvene to formally consider how the implementation is progressing. It is likely that the meeting will focus in particular on the following subjects:

- recruitment of Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (ANNPs)
- the current status of the business case for neurology and neurosciences, to ensure that all the options (including building the new department on the Hurstwood Park site) are properly considered before a final decision is taken
- any proposals for alternative uses for the Brighton General Hospital site
- investment and financial issues
- transport issues
- any proposals affecting routine surgery, by individual speciality
- any proposals to develop services outside hospital via primary and community services.

The Committee is asked to note this item.

12. Royal West Sussex NHS Trust – Dr. Foster Hospital Guide

The Committee is asked to note that the Royal West Sussex NHS Trust was named as top hospital in the South East in the latest Dr. Foster Hospital Guide published in December 2005. The Guide, compiled by leading independent health information provider Dr. Foster, provides the most comprehensive range of information about standards and services in the UK. It rates hospitals on four key aspects of care – clinical quality, patient experience, efficiency and waiting times. The Royal West Sussex NHS Trust was one of only three hospitals that scored above average on three out of the four ratings.

13. Finance and Performance of West Sussex NHS Trusts - Response from the Strategic Health Authority and Minister of State

Letters from the Health Scrutiny Select Committee and responses from the Strategic Health Authority and Minister of State for NHS Delivery, regarding the finances and performance of the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust and the Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust – copies available on request.

The Committee is asked to note the item and to consider what, if any, further action is required.

14. Appointment of Chief Executive to Sussex Partnership NHS Trust

The Committee is asked to note that Lisa Rodrigues has been appointed as the first Chief Executive of the Sussex Partnership NHS Trust, the new mental health, learning disabilities and substance misuse trust for Sussex.

Ms. Rodrigues is currently the Chief Executive of East Sussex County Healthcare NHS Trust and West Sussex Health and Social Care NHS Trust.

Subject to the completion of the Parliamentary process, the new NHS Trust will be launched on 1st April 2006 and will be established from the merger of two existing trusts (East Sussex County Healthcare NHS Trust and West Sussex Health and Social Care NHS Trust) and the transfer of mental health, substance misuse and learning disability services from South Downs Health NHS Trust.

15. **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 20th March 2006. The agenda for that meeting may include:

- Crawley Service Estate and Capacity Enhancement Programme (SECEP) Task Force Final Report
- Modernising Mental Health Services in Adur, Arun and Worthing – Task Force Final Report
- Health Scrutiny Select Committee Work Programme 2006/07.

Individual members may refer a matter to the Committee, but any person (or body) wishing to do so must give not less than 10 working days notice of the item before the meeting in question. For the meeting on 20th March 2006, the Head of Democratic Services should be advised of items by 6th March 2006.

To: All Members of the Health Scrutiny Select Committee