
Health Scrutiny Committee

31 July 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

**Scrutinising Selby and York Primary Care Trust's
Measures to Restore Financial Balance**

Summary

1. At the meeting of 12 June 2006 members agreed to scrutinise the PCT's financial recovery plan and to identify aspects of the plan for a more detailed examination. These will be selected for their potential effects on other service providers and the public who use health services. This report is to ask members to consider how they wish to examine the impact of Selby and York PCT's savings measures.

Background

2. At the Meeting of the Board of Selby and York PCT on 18 July 2006 it was noted that to break even the PCT needs to make in year savings of £22.8 m. Their financial recovery plan notes that £15.0 m savings can be delivered in the year and plans are in place to deliver the further £7.8 m.
3. The document detailing the Financial Recovery Plan entitled "Delivering Quality Healthcare in Affordable Ways" is enclosed at Annex A. This document outlines the:
 - Detailed financial recovery plan and risk assessment
 - Month the PCT will move into a break even position, if the PCT achieves £15.0m of savings
 - PCT's communications strategy and summarises the process for engaging stakeholders, and
 - Process of Implementation, Performance Management and Monitoring
4. Speakers have been invited to this meeting to discuss the likely impact of these savings on services to users.

Options

5. Members should consider PCT's recovery plan and its implications for the citizens of York and decide which items should be selected for closer monitoring.
6. Members will need to determine with the PCT whether the proposed changes to services are substantial, and whether formal consultation may be required.

Analysis

7. In considering the aspects of the recovery plan which they wish to examine in more detail members need to consider the resources which are available to them and the personal time commitment which each can give.
8. Guidance from the Department of Health States that in considering whether a proposal is substantial, NHS bodies, committees and stakeholders should consider the impact of the change on patients, carers and the public who may use the service. They should take into account changes in accessibility of services, the impact of the proposal on the wider community, the patients affected and the methods of service delivery.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to agree the aspects of Selby and York PCT's recovery plan which will be subject to further Scrutiny

Reason

In order to meet the requirement for a democratic involvement in the delivery of health services

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Annexes

Annex A - Financial Recover Plan – Delivering Quality Healthcare in Affordable Ways, Selby and York PCT, June 2006

Background Papers

Substantial Variations and Developments of Health Services, Centre for Public Scrutiny. Can be viewed on

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/pdf/publications/33.pdf>