
Health Scrutiny Committee

4 September 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. On 2 August (adjourned from 31 July), Members agreed which parts of the plan would be subject to further scrutiny. This report is to ask Members to decide how they wish to gather evidence on these aspects of the recovery plan.

Background

2. Members have decided to give further consideration to the clinical thresholds guidance entitled "Commissioning Effective Efficient and Necessary Pathways of Care". They are to consider how it addresses the relationship between the Referral and Clinical Advice Service (RACAS) and practice based commissioning.
3. This guidance was circulated as a working draft to GPs and acute trusts in North Yorkshire and York in May 2006. Members of this Committee received a copy with the agenda for the June meeting, The working draft is currently being implemented and a new updated version is currently being created.
4. The PCT has introduced RACAS in order to manage referrals. Assessment of orthopaedic referrals commenced in May 2006 and it is expected to be rolled out to other services within the next few months.
5. Practice Based Commissioning (PBC) transfers commissioning responsibilities, along with the associated budget, from the PCT to primary care clinicians, including nurses. They will determine the range of services to be provided for their population with the

PCT acting as their agent to undertake any required procurements and to carry out the administrative tasks to underpin those processes.

6. Dr David Geddes, Medical Director of Selby and York PCT has agreed to address the meeting about the functioning of RACAS and the move towards PBC.
7. At the adjourned meeting on 2 August members also agreed to review the aspects of the PCT's recovery plan which impact upon the provision of mental health services.

Options

8. Members need to consider if there is other evidence which may impact upon their opinion as to whether or not the services being delivered are appropriate to the needs of the population of York.
9. Members will need to decide how they will evaluate the impact of the changes on mental health provision.

Analysis

10. Members are advised to set themselves a timetable of work with an agreed date when their recommendations will be offered to the PCT.

Implications

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to consider the evidence offered by Dr Geddes and agree a programme of work for their review of the aspects of Selby and York PCT's recovery plan which will be subject to Scrutiny.

Reason

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

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Annexes

None

Background Papers

"Commissioning Effective Efficient and Necessary Pathways of Care"
– enclosed with papers for meeting of 12 June, and can be viewed on
page 11 at

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