

Health Scrutiny Committee

4 January 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Referral Criteria and Service Thresholds for GPs

Summary

1. This report asks members to consider the guidelines for referral which North Yorkshire and York PCT has issued to GPs

Background

2. In June 2006 members considered a draft document giving guidance to GPs on referral criteria and service thresholds. An updated version of this document has been produced and is enclosed at Annex A.
3. This version is current at the time of writing, no major changes are expected but a newer version may be produced before the meeting in which the links to web pages have been updated. If a newer version is received members will be made aware of it before the meeting.

Consultation

4. Dr David Geddes of the former Selby and York Primary Care Trust discussed the threshold document with members at the 4 September 2006 meeting of this Committee.
5. It is hope that a representative of North Yorkshire and York PCT will be present to discuss the updated version, but this cannot be confirmed at the time of writing.

Options

6. Members may note the new referral and threshold guidance which may be relevant to the discussions which will be held at the Health Forum event to be held on 31 January.

Analysis

7. Any future changes to these guidelines may be very relevant to members and those they represent, so it may be important to ensure that this Committee is kept updated on this topic.

Corporate Priorities

8. Relevant to Corporate Priority 7 – Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest

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 Council's risk management strategy.
There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to note the new guidelines on clinical pathways, referral criteria and thresholds for treatment.

Reason: In order to remain up to date on medical services available in York

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All

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Annexes

Annex A – Commissioning Effective, Efficient and Necessary Care
Pathways (former Selby and York PCT et al, October 2006)

Background Papers

None