
Health Scrutiny Committee

9 October 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Update on scrutiny of North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust's Measures to Restore Financial Balance

Summary

1. At the meeting of 4 September 2006 members agreed that they needed informal discussions with senior officers and/or officers of the PCT before they can agree a firm programme of work for scrutiny of the financial recovery plan. From October 1 the former Selby and York PCT is part of the new North Yorkshire and York PCT. This report is to update members on issues which they may wish to consider as part of their programme of work for this scrutiny review.

Background

2. It is expected that sixty beds are to be closed at York District Hospital. This is likely to be the result of changes to the hospitals' budget as the PCT attempts to reduce the amount it spends at the hospital. It is anticipated that members will receive a verbal update at this meeting .
3. The PCT have, as part of their Financial Recovery Plan, advised the council that they will be reducing the number of Intermediate Care beds available across the City. The 2 key areas for reduction are the withdrawal of funding for staffing to support 11 beds at Grove House and a reduction of 5 beds at Archways intermediate Care unit. The Director of Housing and Adult Social Services will give a verbal update to members about this issue

Options

4. Members are asked to receive these updates and consider how they may impact on their investigation of the impact of the PCT's recovery plan on service to the people of York.

Analysis

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

Implications

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

- Members are asked to consider the evidence they have heard this evening and how it may impact on their future work.
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

None