



Notice of meeting of

Health Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillors Funnell (Chair), Fraser, Kirk (Vice-Chair),
Morley, Looker, Moore and Wiseman

Date: Monday, 30 July 2007

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Guildhall

AGENDA

Please note that a bicycle from the Bicycle Paramedics Service will be available to view in the Guildhall prior to the meeting

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 26)

To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 11 June 2007.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Committees remit can do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer on the contact details listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is Friday 27 July 2007 at 5.00pm.

4. Yorkshire Ambulance Service

To receive a presentation from Mark Inman of the Bicycle Paramedic Service.

5. **Work Planning for Health Scrutiny 2007/08** (Pages 27 - 30)
This report asks Members to confirm their work planning programme for the 2007/08 municipal year.
6. **York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Governors** (Pages 31 - 32)
This report introduces a verbal update from Councillors Fraser and Kirk on their role as governors of York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
7. **York Hospitals Patient and Public Involvement Forum** (Pages 33 - 34)
This report introduces a verbal update from Councillors Funnell and Wiseman who recently attended a meeting of the York Hospitals Patient and Public Involvement Forum (PPIF).
8. **Urgent Business**
Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	11 JUNE 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS FUNNELL (CHAIR), FRASER, KIRK (VICE-CHAIR), MORLEY, LOOKER, MOORE AND WISEMAN
IN ATTENDANCE	MR MIKE PROCTOR – DIRECTOR OF NURSING YORK HOSPITAL PAT SLOSS – HEAD OF USER AND PATIENT ACCESS NYYPCT GRAHAM PURDY – HEAD OF CORPORATE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS NYYPCT JOHN YATES – YORK OLDER PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY GEOFF AINSLEY – BRADFORD MBC GRAHAM TERRY – HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICE, HOUSING AND ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair invited Members to declare at this point any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Kirk declared a standing declaration as a governor of York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Fraser declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 (Work Planning for Health Scrutiny for 20076/08) as a governor of the York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and as a member of the retired section of UNISON.

Councillor Moore declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 (Work Planning for Health Scrutiny for 20076/08) as his wife worked in the Health Service.

Councillor Funnell declared a standing personal non-prejudicial interest as she had previously worked part time for Patient Public Involvement.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee held on 2 April 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. PRESENTATION ON ROLE OF HEALTH SCRUTINY

Officers gave Members a presentation, which introduced them to the work of Health Scrutiny, including their responsibilities and aims. Details of the presentation were circulated at the meeting and a copy is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Arising out of the presentation Members made the following comments:

- That there was a need to honour statutory obligations through the development of partnership working.
- Time spent on PCT finances the previous year had meant that little could be undertaken which had been frustrating.
- Need to refocus on the real issues concerning users.

Pat Sloss, NY&YNHS PCT, confirmed that the majority of Directors of the PCT were now in place and that further key appointments were in the process of being made. She also confirmed that she would forward an overview of the proposed new structure to members of the Committee.

5. ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK 2006/2007

Members considered a report, which updated them on the commentaries on the self-assessment declarations of NHS trusts which were submitted by this Committee in April 2007.

It was reported that in 2005/06 the Healthcare Commission had introduced a new system of assessment for the NHS, known as the annual health check. This system looked at a broader range of performance than the previous system of star ratings. A key part of the check was the rating of every NHS organisation on quality of services and use of resources. The aim was to ensure that healthcare organisations offered high quality services as well as value for money. Details of the comments sent to the Trusts by the City of York Council's Health Scrutiny Committee were set out in the report which covered:

- North Yorkshire and York PCT
- York Hospitals NHS Trust and
- Yorkshire Ambulance Trust

Officers reported that, as this check was only in its second year it was still evolving but that there were currently 24 standards. It was felt important to contribute to the check as any comments made were reported verbatim to the Health Trusts. It was confirmed that the Healthcare Commissions website published the results of the health checks and Officers agreed to send this link to all Members and partners.

Members expressed their thanks to the Scrutiny Officer, Cllr Fraser and former Cllr Cuthbertson for their work in providing this information in March 2007.

- RESOLVED:
- i) That Members note the update on the Annual Health Check 2006/07 which reflected the position as at the end of the last municipal year.
 - ii) That Members note that at the end of 2007 or early 2008 they will be invited to prepare a commentary on the trusts' performance during 2007/08 and that will be included in their work planning for this municipal year.

REASON: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

6. WORK PLANNING FOR HEALTH SCRUTINY FOR 2007/8

Members considered a report, which detailed the Committees work during the last municipal year. It was reported that in January 2007 the Committee had agreed for future scrutiny they wished to identify an area of work based on the remit of the Healthy City Board as part of the Local Strategic partnership.

It was confirmed that Government funding of £10,000 had been made available for the formation of a regional network of stakeholders in health scrutiny. This network had met and agreed that a main priority issue would be health inequalities and how to develop work plans to address these.

The network would work closely with a national local government capacity building programme project, which would cover the whole of the Yorkshire and Humber region and be hosted by the City of Bradford Council. This project was being funded by central government and the Department of Health and had commenced in April 2007.

Geoff Ainsley of Bradford Metropolitan Council who was co-ordinating this project attended the meeting. He gave a presentation to Members on the Yorkshire and Humber Local Government and Health Project, details of which were circulated at the meeting and are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

He confirmed that this was a new project, the first of its kind in the country, to run from April 2007 to March 2009. It was supported and funded from the Yorkshire and Humber capacity building programme "Working Together to Improve" and the Regional Public Health Group at the Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber. It was explained that the objectives of the programme were to support local authorities in strengthening their contribution to public health in order to achieve excellence in improving health and reducing health inequalities, as well as ensuring that these achievements were recognised by their local population.

Arising out of the presentation Members stated that the main problem related to prevention and that major links were required with GP's etc to provide a joined up service.

Officers referred to a regional health scrutiny event in Leeds, being organised to help strengthen scrutiny's contribution to public health to which all members would be invited. As soon as the date and venue were known these would be emailed to Members.

Officers and the Chair confirmed that it was also hoped to hold an informal work-planning seminar to determine the major issues for scrutiny during the current year. This was proposed for August or September and would involve the cancellation of the scheduled meeting on 3 September and its replacement with the above event.

It was confirmed that invitations would be extended to the voluntary sector, PCT and the Ambulance Trust together with representatives from the Health Forum held in January. Members felt that it would be useful if Bill Hodson, Director of Housing and Adult Social Services could be also be invited. The Chair confirmed that if Members were aware of any additional groups or individuals that could add to the informal work planning session that they should contact Barbara Boyce, Scrutiny Officer to enable her to send out invitations.

As the Chair would be away for the scheduled October Health Scrutiny meeting it was proposed to bring this forward to 24 September 2007.

The Scrutiny Officer confirmed that the Patient Experience Monitoring Group were seeking a further member to represent the Committee at their meetings, the next of which scheduled for 7 September 2007.

- RESOLVED:
- i) That Bill Hodson, Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, be invited to a future meeting to discuss how health scrutiny can contribute to the work of the Healthy City Board and the local area agreement.
 - ii) That Members agree to take up any places available at the Regional Health Scrutiny event the date and venue to be confirmed.
 - iii) That a facilitated work planning event be arranged for August or early September to determine the major issues affecting all health partners and the York public and to subsequently deliver a prioritised work plan for the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
 - iv) That Cllr Funnell be appointed to attend meetings of the Patient Experience Monitoring Group on behalf of the Committee.

REASON:

In order for the Committee to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

CLLR C FUNNELL, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.30 pm].

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Introduction to Health Scrutiny

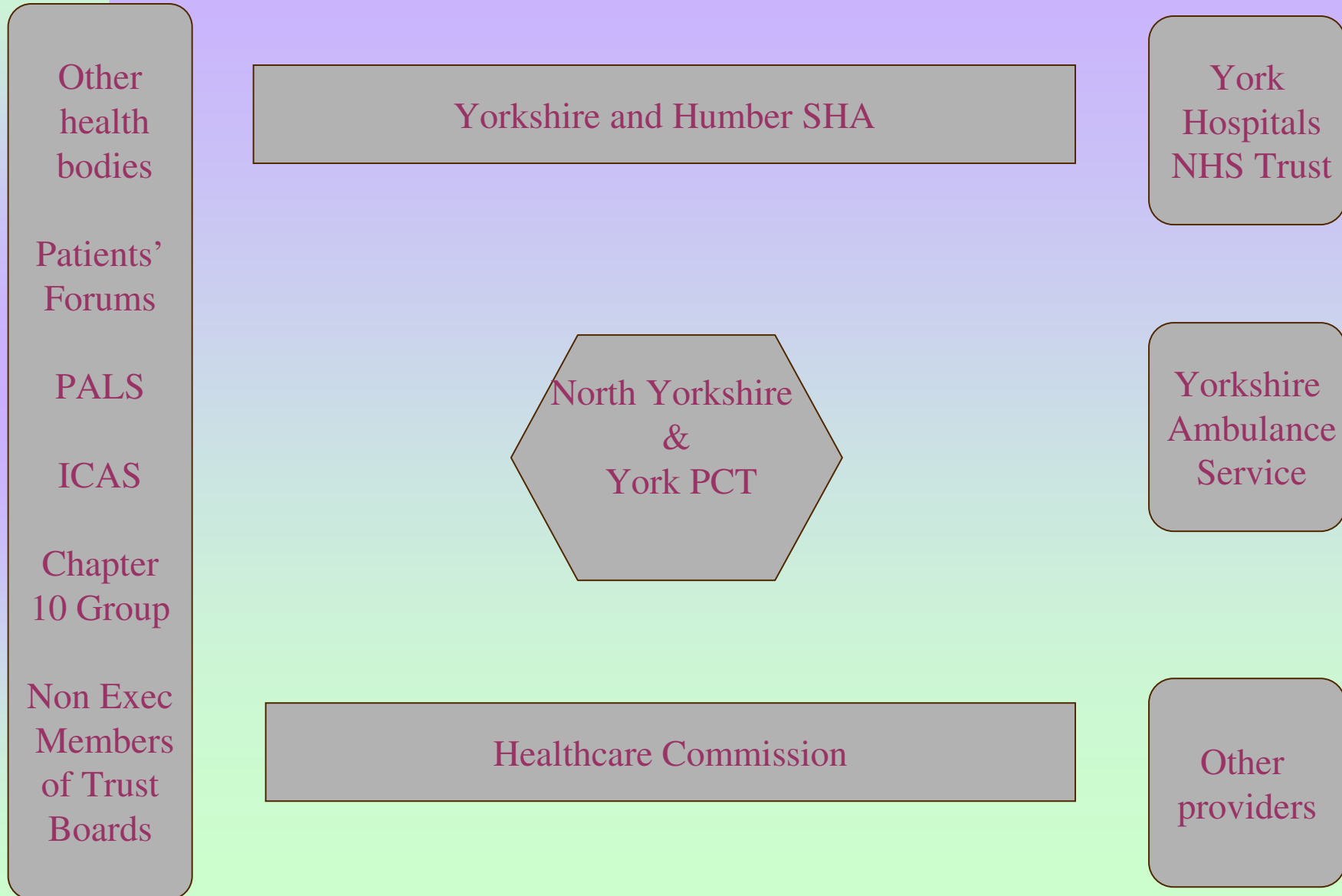
Cllr Tina Funnell - Chair

Barbara Boyce – Scrutiny Officer

What is Health Scrutiny about?

- Health Scrutiny “acts as a lever to improve the health of local people...and securing the continuous improvement of health services and services that impact on health”
(Department of Health)
- Who do we represent? As well as being the only truly democratic input into health provision, Health OSCs are one part of the framework for involving patients and the public in the NHS

Local NHS Structure



Why do we do Health Scrutiny?

- Local Government Act 2000 gave members the power to scrutinise local services
- Health and Social Care Act 2001 gave members:
 - ◆ power to scrutinise local health services
 - ◆ right to make recommendations to NHS bodies
 - ◆ right to be consulted on major changes to health services
- Scrutiny members have had these responsibilities since January 2003

Who has the power of Health Scrutiny?

- All Social Services authorities must have a Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC)
- This OSC has powers to summon officers of health trusts to committee meetings, to require information from NHS bodies on the planning and provision of health services. It must be consulted by health trusts about significant changes to service provision
- Health OSCs also scrutinise local authority services that impact on the health of local communities.

Responding to consultations

- NHS bodies considering proposals for substantial variations in health services are required to consult the Health OSC of the relevant local authority.
- If these services cross local authority boundaries, Health OSCs must work together to respond to the proposals
- If a Health OSC decides that a variation in service is substantial it can, in some circumstances, refer it to the Secretary of State.

Other responsibilities

- Contributing each April to the Annual Health Check – the assessment process for all Health Trusts
- Working with the Council on the development of local involvement networks (LINKs)
- Developing skills and understanding of issues affecting the health of people in York.
- Communicating with colleagues from all Health Trusts that impact upon York, learning about their work and offering recommendations that will benefit those we represent.
- Working in partnership with other organisations that work to improve health in York.

Aims for the future?

- To do work which leads to improvements in the health of the people of York
- To develop relationships and work with partners
- To be an independent local voice for residents
- To be a positive and critical friend to local NHS organisations
- To work creatively to address public concerns about health
- To identify where Council policy can improve health

What we will not be

- A stick to beat NHS organisations
- Stuck in a party-political mould
- Always in formal meetings
- Concentrating on organisations rather than patients or the public
- Hindering innovation in the NHS
- Wasting times on things we can't change locally

Comment from your Chairman

I feel privileged to take over the Chair of this important statutory committee at a challenging time for both the Health Service and Local Government. We now have real opportunities to develop partnerships in service delivery which will benefit the people of York.

Most of my professional life over the last 25 years has been spent working with patient organisations and with national and regional health organisations so I am delighted to be able to use that experience in my new work as a councillor. I want to build bridges between our colleagues in health and voluntary organisations and the Council and also use our combined resources and skills to better serve the people of York.

Local Government & Health

A Regional Capacity Building
Project

Aim of the Project

- To support local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber to strengthen their contribution to public health
- To help authorities to contribute to improving the health of local people and reduce health inequalities in their area.

Project Strands

- Developing Sustainable Networks
- Disseminating Health Data
- Well – Being in Leadership Programmes
- Tackling Health Inequalities through Local Area Agreements & Community Strategies
- Supporting Health Scrutiny
- Facilitating Shared Learning

Networks

- Establishing Health Leads Network
- Supporting Health Scrutiny Network
- Developing Website for Health Leads

Health Data

- Securing access to relevant health intelligence about local areas
- Establishing links with academic institutions

Leadership Programmes

- Facilitating access to and links with appropriate leadership / development programmes
- Supporting Health and Well – Being modules in development programmes
- Delivering regional & sub – regional workshops & seminars

Local Area Agreements

- Desktop Survey of 15 current LAA's
- Analysis of Health Element
- Promote strengthening and mainstreaming of health element through shared learning

Health Scrutiny

- Desk – top analysis of work programmes
- Support Health Scrutiny Network
- Showcase examples of best practice
- Provide toolkits and support to develop strategic approach
- Provide links to other support

Shared Learning

- Supporting local and regional seminars and workshops
- Providing toolkits to develop good practice
- Facilitating mentoring and shadowing opportunities
- Supporting shared learning on selected topics / themes

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Health Scrutiny Committee

30 July 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Work planning for Health Scrutiny 2007/8

Summary

1. This report is to ask members to confirm their work planning programme for the municipal year 2007/8.

Background

2. At the meeting on 11 June 2007, the Committee agreed to hold an informal work planning session to determine the major issues for Scrutiny during the current year.
3. This has been arranged for the afternoon of Wednesday 22 August and will be held at Clifton Moor Church and Community Centre. Representatives of NHS Yorkshire and the Humber, North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust, York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service have agreed to present their priorities and plans to members. Colleagues from Housing and Adult Social Services will also outline their work plans to members.
4. The meeting will be facilitated by officers who are working on the Yorkshire and Humber Local Government and Health Project, which is part of a national capacity building programme funded by central government and the Department of Health.
5. Patient and Public Involvement Forums and representatives of the Older People's Assembly, the Council for Voluntary Service and the Independent Complaints Advocacy Service have also agreed to attend and take part in the facilitated discussions. The seminar will not be a public meeting as its priority is for members to learn about emerging policy priorities and consider which are most relevant to their scrutiny work.
6. If members wish to listen to and take suggestions from other voluntary groups and community organisations then they may wish to hold a wider community consultation day in October. NHS Yorkshire and the

Humber are commissioning a “showcase bus” which will demonstrate latest developments in medical treatments – it may be possible to have the bus on site at this consultation day.

7. Members will have an earlier opportunity to view the “showcase bus” if they attend the “Big Regional Health Scrutiny Event” as mentioned at the last meeting and now postponed until 28 September at the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds. There are four places offered to members and officers of each Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the region.
8. After the work planning seminar on 22 August members may then agree a draft workplan which can be approved at the re-scheduled formal Health Scrutiny Committee on 24 September.
9. This may then be notified to Scrutiny Management Committee at their meeting on 22 October. There may be later additions as a result of any community consultation day that members may hold and also after the contributions from the Director of Housing and Adult Social Services regarding the contribution of Scrutiny to the work of the Healthy City Board and the local area agreement. The Director is scheduled to talk to the Committee on 24 September.

Consultation

10. The scrutiny officer has been in consultation with Geoff Ainsley of Bradford Metropolitan Council with regard to the format of the work planning seminar on 22 August. She has also been in contact with officers of the leading Health Service organisations and officers from Adult Social Services in connection with their contributions to the Committee’s work.

Options

11. Members may decide or not to support the recommendations below aimed at helping establishing a clear work programme and direction for the Committee during the municipal year, and at learning more about the ‘health agenda’ through regional networking.

Analysis

12. This will enable health scrutiny to develop from being solely an examination of NHS trusts into a wider reaching function that works in partnership with a wide range of organisations to improve the health of the citizens of York.

Corporate Priorities

13. 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

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

Risk Management

15. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy, there are no known direct risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

16. Members are asked to invite Bill Hodson, Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, to the meeting of 24 September to discuss how health scrutiny can contribute to the work of the Healthy City Board and the local area agreement.
17. Members are asked to agree to be represented at the Regional Health Scrutiny Event to be held on 28 September at the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds with at least 4 places available for each authority.
18. Members are asked to note that the facilitated work planning event will be held on August 22 at Clifton Moor Church and Community Centre, to help determine the major issues affecting all health partners and the York public and establish a prioritised work plan for this Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
19. Members are also asked to agree to hold a wider Community Engagement Day on a day in October 2007. This will enable them to listen to all voluntary and community groups and consider how to incorporate their views and expertise in to the planned work.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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Report Approved

Date 1.6.07

Specialist Implications Officer(s) *None*

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

None

Background Papers

None



Health Scrutiny Committee**30 July 2007****Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services****York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Governors****Summary**

1. This report is to introduce a verbal update from Cllr Fraser and Cllr Kirk on their role as governors of York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Background

2. Cllrs Fraser and Kirk are currently representatives of City of York Council on the governing body of the Foundation Trust.
3. They have recently attended a meeting of the governing body
4. These two members have agreed to give a verbal update on their role as governors and on issues specifically raised at this meeting.

Consultation

5. Not applicable

Options

6. Not applicable

Analysis

7. Not applicable

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 Councils risk management strategy, there are no known direct risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to receive the report from Cllrs Fraser and Kirk.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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Annexes

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Background Papers

None



Health Scrutiny Committee**30 July 2007****Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services****York Hospitals Patient and Public Involvement Forum****Summary**

1. This report is to introduce a verbal update from Cllr Funnell and Cllr Wiseman who recently attended a meeting of the York Hospitals Patient and Public Involvement Forum (PPIF).

Background

2. All members are invited to attend meetings of the PPIFs and may find it useful to briefly update other members on proceedings.
3. Cllrs Funnell and Wiseman attended a meeting of the York Hospitals PPIF on 11 July 2007.
4. Items likely to have been discussed include maternity services, recent inspection visits to York Hospital, Foundation Trust Boards, Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS), 2006 patients' survey, bed blocking patients, formation of Local Involvement Networks etc.

Consultation

5. Not applicable

Options

6. Not applicable

Analysis

7. Not applicable

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.

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Annexes

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