

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP BOARD – 9TH JULY 2009

APPOINTMENTS TO A JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WITH STAFFORDSHIRE, SHROPSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT COUNCILS

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE & AUDIT

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Scrutiny Leadership Board Members of the need for appointments from the Scrutiny Health Monitoring Sub Group to a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Staffordshire, Shropshire and Stoke-on-Trent Councils to consider whether the proposal by the Specialist Commissioning Team for the West Midlands to develop Primary Angioplasty (PPCI) is a substantial variation in service that would require public consultation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members note the requirement for a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Staffordshire, Shropshire and Stoke-on-Trent Councils to consider whether the introduction of PPCI is a substantial variation in service and requires public consultation;**
- 2.2 **Members nominate three members of the Health Scrutiny Monitoring group to sit on the Joint Health Committee;**
- 2.3 **Members agree to waive political proportionality for this Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.**

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4.0 INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Monitoring Sub Group has been approached by the Specialist Commissioning Team for the West Midlands with regard to a development they wish to make to specialist heart treatment for a small number of patients in Shropshire and Staffordshire. The Specialist Commissioning Team is unsure whether this development would constitute a substantial variation or

development in service, and would therefore require a 3 month public consultation.

- 4.2 This Joint Committee would be convened under direction from the Secretary of State about Joint Committees issued in July 2003 which relates to consultations by NHS bodies under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 where people from more than one local authority area may be affected by proposed variations or developments to NHS services. In these circumstances, all health scrutiny committees consulted must decide whether they consider the proposals to be “substantial”. Those health scrutiny committees that do consider them to be substantial must form a joint health scrutiny committee to deal with the consultation and to respond on behalf of their communities.
- 4.3 In consultation with Staffordshire, Shropshire and Stoke-on-Trent Scrutiny functions, the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Monitoring group, Cllr. Derek White has agreed that a Joint Committee should be convened to discuss and decide whether there is a need for a three month public consultation for this particular service proposal. It has been agreed by the other authorities that for this Joint Committee, political proportionality is waived by those local authorities taking part.
- 4.4 It has also been agreed that 3 Health Scrutiny Members will be nominated by each Local Authority taking part. It is proposed that the following members of the Health Scrutiny Monitoring Group be nominated as Telford & Wrekin representatives on the Joint health Scrutiny Committee with Shropshire, Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Councils:

Cllr. Derek White (Chairman)
Cllr. Angela McClements
Ms Dilys Davis (Co-optee)

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