



meeting **HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

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MRSA Study Group Final Report – responses up to 27 September

1 Purpose

To provide Members with copies of the responses, including the response from the Cabinet Member, to the Health Select Committee's MRSA final report.

2 Background

The Health Select Committee agreed in October 2004 to set up a study group to investigate the issues involved with the MRSA Superbug.

Its scope would include an investigation to :

determine the levels of MRSA in Nottinghamshire hospitals;
use Patient Forums to report on levels of cleanliness in Nottinghamshire hospitals;
receive evidence from the appropriate experts within the Acute Trusts as to what measures are being taken in Nottinghamshire hospitals to combat MRSA;
seek examples of best practice on how MRSA is being tackled;
produce a 'State of MRSA in Nottinghamshire' report.

3 Issues

The final report of the study group was presented to Cabinet in April 2005 and is attached as appendix A.

Responses have been received, in receipt order, up to and including 27 September from :

- The Minister for State, the Rt. Hon. Jane Kennedy MP;
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust;

- Queens Medical Centre, University Hospital NHS Trust;
 - Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
 - Ashfield and Mansfield District PCTs;
 - Rushcliffe PCT;
 - Gedling PCT; and
 - Cabinet Member, Councillor Dick Anthony
- (Attached as Appendices B - I)

The reports vary in length and content and Members are encouraged to discuss each on its merits and how the relevant PCT is tackling the MRSA problem.

4 Options

- That the Committee commissions a new study into MRSA and possibly other “superbugs” as a follow up to the original report; or
- The Committee accepts the responses and agrees to keep a ‘watching brief’ only on the MRSA issue.

5 Recommendation

That the Committee decide whether to set up a new study group on this issue and, if applicable, discusses a new terms of reference and membership for the study group.

Councillor James T Napier
Chair, Health Select Committee

Background papers:
Nil