



meeting      **HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

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## **Report of the Chair of the Select Committee**

### **Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust – Foundation status**

#### **Purpose**

1. To provide background information to members of the Health Select Committee regarding the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust's application to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

#### **Background**

2. Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust runs King's Mill and Newark hospitals, as well as providing services at Mansfield and Ashfield Community Hospitals.
3. In July 2004 it was awarded Three Star status for its services. Following this award, Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust decided to apply for Foundation status with the aim of becoming a Foundation Trust in 2006.

#### **Issues**

4. Jeffrey Worrall, Chief Executive and Brian Meakin, Chairman, are attending the meeting today to give a presentation on the status of the Trust's Foundation status application.
5. The Trust is currently undergoing a 3 month consultation regarding its application for Foundation status and has produced a document entitled 'Your Hospitals, Your Health, Your Say' as its Foundation Trust consultation document. The Trust is seeking responses by 25 November. A copy of this document has been attached.
6. Also attached as background information are the minutes from the Health Select Committee meeting on 18 March 2005 when the last update by the Trust was given (appendix A) and the response from Lincolnshire County Council to the Trust's consultation document (appendix B).
7. It is suggested that members of the Committee, at the conclusion of the presentation and question session, discuss any formal comments it would like to forward to the Trust.

8. Given that the next Select Committee meeting is on 13 December and therefore after the deadline for submissions, the views of the Committee will be noted and incorporated into a letter from the Chair of this Committee to the Trust prior to 25 November. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to all members of the Select Committee for their information.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- That the Select Committee asks questions of the Trust regarding its Foundation status application and agrees on its formal response to the Trust's consultation document.

**Councillor James T Napier**  
**Chair, Health Committee**

Background Papers - Nil