



meeting **HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

date **13 December 2005**

agenda item number

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

### **Annual Health Checks – Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Annual Health Check document submitted by Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust.

#### **Background**

2. The Healthcare Commission launched a new system of assessment for Primary Care Trusts and NHS Trusts – the annual health check.
3. This system replaces the previous star ratings and the health check will measure trusts' performance against 24 core standards. These have been divided into seven key areas: safety, clinical and cost effectiveness, governance, patient focus, accessible and responsive care, care environment and amenities and public health.
4. Trusts assess their performance against a number of statements, determine whether they are in compliance, whether they have not met the standard or whether they can provide insufficient assurance either way and publish their findings in a declaration. Where they have not met the standard, action plans must be put in place.
5. The Healthcare Commission will then cross check the declaration and carry out selective inspections, both random and targeted at those who have identified areas of risk.
6. As part of this system, Trusts are also required to seek comments from the relevant Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
7. At the meeting of the Health Select Committee on 27 September 2005, Members considered that the District and Borough Councils would be well placed to scrutinise and comment on the performance of the PCTs/NHS Trusts operating in their area prior to any possible re-structuring.

8. The Health Select Committee will formulate comments for the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust because of the breadth of area served by the Trust, however additional comments from Districts were welcomed.

## **Issues**

9. Attached is the draft declaration from the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust (appendix 1)
10. The table attached as Appendix 2 compares the responses of Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Trust, The Queens Medical Centre Trust and the Nottingham City Hospital Trust for reference.
11. Members are invited to begin to formulate comments on the draft declaration in preparation for the meeting on 7 February 2005 which will focus solely on Annual Health Checks.
12. Given the unique nature of this Trust it was felt Members needed as much time as possible to examine the declaration and provide comment on it.
13. Appendix 3 gives a more detailed breakdown of the Core Standards themselves.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

Members examine the declaration from Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust and identify issues of concern and good practice.

**Councillor Jim Napier**  
**Chair, Health Select Committee**

Background Papers:  
Nil