



meeting **HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

date **13 December 2005**

agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Health Select Committee

Work programme

Purpose

1. To update the Health Select Committee work programme and to inform Members of the work of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Background

2. The Health Select Committee agreed the work programme on 27 September 2005. Since the work programme was proposed the Health Service has entered into a period of uncertainty and change. There have been announcements, proposals and delays both locally and from Government which impact on the work of the Select Committee. The attached work programme (appendix 1) seeks to balance the work of the Select Committee so that Members can give appropriate consideration to changes to Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities, the performance of NHS Trusts - Annual Health Checks, pending Government legislation and other issues identified by Members.
3. The Health Select Committee may also wish to be aware of the work being undertaken by the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. In October and November the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee considered the Annual Health Checks of the following Trusts and has requested further information before providing final comments:
 - Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
 - Queen's Medical Centre Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust
 - Nottingham City Hospital NHS Trust

4. The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has also responded to the consultation on the proposed merger of Queen's Medical Centre Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust and Nottingham City Hospital NHS Trust. The Joint Committee recognised the rationale for the proposed merger but identified a number of areas of concern. The comments of the Joint Committee are attached at appendix 2.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that

The Select Committee agree the proposed changes to the work programme and note the work of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

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Chair, Health Committee

Background papers
Nil