



meeting	<b>ACCESS TO GPS: WALK-IN CENTRES SELECT COMMITTEE</b>	
date	<b>23 June 2008</b>	<b>agenda item number</b>

## **Report of the Chair of the Access to GPs: Walk-in Centres Select Committee**

### **Response of the Select Committee**

**Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust**

**Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust**

#### **Purpose of report**

1. To provide the Select Committee with an opportunity to formulate a response to consultation on proposals to commission new GP-led health centres.

#### **Background**

2. S11 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 places a duty on NHS Trusts to involve and consult public and patients in
  - Planning services
  - Developing and considering proposals for changes in the way those services operate
  - Decisions to be made that affect how those services operate
3. S7 requires NHS Trusts to consult Overview and Scrutiny Committees on substantial variations/developments so that they can consider whether the proposals are in the best interests of patients and whether appropriate consultation and consideration of consultation has been made.
4. Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust (tPCT) have consulted the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on proposals for a GP-led walk-in centre prior to the commencement of a public consultation.
5. The Select Committee agreed to:
  - give consideration to the proposals at the meeting on 13 May 2008 and raise any initial concerns with the PCTs
  - that a draft response be prepared for the June meeting

- that the PCTs be invited to attend the June meeting to provide details of how they have considered any issues arising from the consultation

## **Issues**

6. The Select Committee is asked to consider all of the issues that have been discussed and the evidence that has been gathered during the course of the review and to agree a response to the consultation.
7. A draft response is included as an appendix to this report for discussion. The Select Committee should consider
  - (i) whether, as a statutory body, the Select Committee has been properly consulted within the consultation process;
  - (ii) whether, in developing the proposals for service changes, the health body concerned has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation;
  - (iii) whether, a proposal for changes is in the interests of the local health service.
8. The Select Committee may wish to discuss the draft with representatives of Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust and Nottinghamshire Primary Care Trust before agreeing a final response. Representatives of the Trust will attend the meeting.

## **Recommendations**

9. It is recommended that
  - i. the Access to GPs: Walk-in Centres Select Committee consider the draft response and any additional evidence
  - ii. that subject to the Chair of the Access to GPs: Walk-in Centres Select Committee agreeing the final text of any amendments, the Access to GPs: Walk-in Centres Select Committee agree the response
  - iii. the minutes of the meeting of the Access to GPs: Walk-in Centres Select Committee on 23 June 2008 be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.

**Councillor EDW Llewellyn-Jones**

**Chair of the Access to GPs: Walk-in Centres Select Committee**

## **Background papers**

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