

**24 February 2014****Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****PROPOSED GP PRACTICE MERGER – WILLOWBROOK MEDICAL  
PRACTICE AND PANTILES MEDICAL CENTRE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce a briefing on the merger of Willowbrook Medical Practice and Pantiles Medical Centre.

**Information and Advice**

2. Representatives from Willowbrook Medical Practice (Dr Jeremy Jenkins and Dr Shan Hussein) will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to provide a briefing on the proposed changes. A written briefing from Willowbrook Medical Practice is attached as an Appendix to this report.
3. Members will wish to undertake detailed questioning regarding the proposed changes and in particular, the planned communication, engagement and consultation; and how the results of consultation will influence service design.
4. Further to receiving the briefing, the Health Scrutiny Committee will need to determine if the proposed merger is in the interests of the local Health Service.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- i) receive the briefing on the proposed merger
- ii) determine if the proposed change is in the interests of the local Health Service

**Councillor Kate Foale**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All