



meeting **HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

date **13 December 2005**

agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Health Select Committee

Annual Health Checks - PCTs

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide arrangements for initial consideration of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) Annual Health Checks that are not being considered by a district/borough council.

Background

2. On 27 September 2005 the Health Select Committee invited district and borough councils to provide the Health Select Committee with comments on the Annual Health Checks of their relevant Primary Care Trusts. The Select Committee considered this a useful opportunity for districts/boroughs to comment on the performance of the PCTs prior to the possible reconfiguration.
3. The Select Committee has agreed to consider these comments at the meeting on 7 February 2006 and also to add any additional strategic comments. The final comment for the declaration for each PCT, Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospital Trust will be agreed at the meeting on 21 March 2006.
4. It is envisaged that not every district/borough council will wish to take advantage of this opportunity. To ensure that the Health Select Committee has initial comments to consider for each PCT it is suggested that an Annual Health Check Study Group be established, as required, for any PCT Annual Health Check that is not being considered by a district/borough council. The Study Group could provide research and comments for the Health Select Committee to consider on 7 February 2006.
5. Due to the timescales involved and the ad-hoc nature of the Study Group it is suggested that the membership comprises of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Health Select Committee.

Recommendations

6. It is recommended that:

an Annual Health Check Study Group be established, as required, consisting of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Health Select Committee, to consider the Annual Health Checks of PCTs where district/borough councils decline the Health Select Committee to consider them.

Councillor James T Napier
Chair, Health Select Committee

Background Papers:
nil