



meeting **HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

date **11 July 2005**

agenda item number

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

MRSA Study Final Report – responses up to 30 June

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with copies of the 5 responses received up to and including 30 June 2005 to the Health Select Committee Study on MRSA's final report.

Background

2. The Health Select Committee agreed in October 2004 to investigate the issues involved with the MRSA Superbug.
3. Its scope would include an investigation to :
 - determine the levels of MRSA in Nottinghamshire hospitals;
 - use Patient Forums to report on levels of cleanliness in Nottinghamshire hospitals;
 - receive evidence from the appropriate experts within the Acute Trusts as to what measures are being taken in Nottinghamshire hospitals to combat MRSA;
 - seek examples of best practice on how MRSA is being tackled;
 - produce a 'State of MRSA in Nottinghamshire' report.

Issues

4. The final report of the study was presented to Cabinet in April 2005.
5. 5 responses have been received up to and including 30 June from :
 - The Minister for State, the Rt. Hon. Jane Kennedy MP;
 - Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust;
 - Queens Medical Centre, University Hospital NHS Trust;

- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
 - Ashfield and Mansfield District PCT
- (Attached as Appendices A - E)

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

the Committee discusses the five responses received so far and decides if further work on the issue of MRSA should be undertaken.

Jim Napier

Chair of the Health Select Committee

Background Papers :

Nil