



meeting	ACCESS TO GPS: WALK-IN CENTRES SELECT COMMITTEE	
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Report of the Chair of the Access to GPs: Walk-in Centres Select Committee

Consideration of the Consultation Process

Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust

Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust

Purpose of report

1. To provide the Select Committee with an opportunity to give further consideration to the public 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 as part 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 has been consulted on proposals that each PCT will commission a new GP-led health centre to be open from 8am-8pm every day of the year. The GP-led health centres will include an ordinary GP Practice and will also allow patients to attend on a walk-in basis.
7. In providing a response to the consultation the Select Committee is invited to consider 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.
8. Representatives of Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire County PCTs attended the meeting on 13 May 2008 to discuss the proposals and the consultation process that the Trusts had engaged in.
9. Both PCTs have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the responses that they have received during the consultation process and how those views have been incorporated into each Trust's decision making process.

Recommendations

10. It is recommended that

the Select Committee consider the information provided and include any relevant issues into the response to the consultation.

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Background papers

Proposals from Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire County PCTs

Substantial variations and developments of health services – Centre for Public Scrutiny