



meeting	ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK SELECT COMMITTEE	
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Report of the Chair of the Annual Health Check Select Committee

Progress – Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust

Purpose of the report

1. To invite Members to consider how Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust (PCT) is seeking to improve on the quality of services rating from 2007-08.

Background

2. The Healthcare Commission published the Annual Health Check Ratings for 2007-08 on Thursday 16 October 2008.
3. On 10 November 2008, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave initial consideration to the ratings awarded to NHS Trusts for 2007-08. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee looked specifically at Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust and Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust.
4. The ratings awarded for 2007-08 are set out in the following table:

Ratings 2007-08

Trust	Quality of services	Use of resources
Bassetlaw PCT	FAIR	FAIR
Nottingham City PCT*	FAIR*	GOOD*
NHS Nottinghamshire County (tPCT)	FAIR	GOOD
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust	GOOD	EXCELLENT

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Foundation Trust	GOOD	EXCELLENT
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	GOOD	FAIR
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	FAIR	FAIR
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	EXCELLENT	GOOD

Table 1

*Note: Nottingham City PCT is accountable to the Overview and Scrutiny of Nottingham City Council and not Nottinghamshire County Council. The ratings for the PCT are included for sake of completeness.

5. The table below shows how Nottinghamshire Trusts compare nationally:

	Quality of services				Use of resources			
	Weak	Fair	Good	Excellent	Weak	Fair	Good	Excellent
Nottinghamshire	0	4	3	1	0	4	2	2
National (% of all trusts)	20 (5%)	132 (34%)	139 (36%)	100 (26%)	20 (5%)	132 (34%)	145 (37%)	94 (24%)

Table 2

*Note: Nottingham City PCT is not included

Progress

6. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted that the overall ratings are comprised of many sub-categories. An overall rating that has not changed since last year does not necessarily indicate that no progress has been made or that the same level of service has been maintained. Changes to the ratings since 2006-07 included:

- Two Trusts providing services to Nottinghamshire received a lower rating for quality of services than in 2006-07.
- Three Trusts providing services to Nottinghamshire improved the rating received for use of resources, two of which previously had ratings of weak.
- One Trust improved their use of resources rating by two grades.
- One Trust improved the rating for use of resources whilst slipping one rating on quality of services.

7. The table shows the overall progress of the Trust compared to the ratings for 2006-07:

Trust	Quality of services	Use of resources
Bassetlaw PCT	LOWER (Fair <– Good)	SAME
Nottingham City PCT*	LOWER (Fair <– Good)	SAME
NHS Nottinghamshire County (tPCT)	SAME	IMPROVEMENT (Weak → → Good)
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust	SAME	SAME
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Foundation Trust	SAME	SAME
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	SAME	SAME
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	LOWER (Fair <– Good)	IMPROVEMENT (Weak → Fair)
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	SAME	IMPROVEMENT (Fair → Good)

Table 3

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8. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was concerned that the two primary care trusts were rated as providing a fair quality of services following the last assessment. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee believes that residents of Nottinghamshire deserve to receive a good quality of services and would like to see this reflected in the health check ratings of all of the Trusts in Nottinghamshire, providing confidence to residents and patients.

Bassetlaw PCT

9. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has asked the Select Committee to give further consideration to how Bassetlaw PCT is seeking to improve its overall rating for quality of services.
10. Representatives of Bassetlaw PCT have been invited to the meeting to discuss
 - the Trust's health check declaration for 2008-09 including progress from 2007-08 and
 - how the Trust will develop further in the future.

11. The Select Committee should use this information when considering comments for the Trust's Annual Health Check Declaration.
12. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave initial consideration to how the Trust was seeking to improve at the meeting on 10 November 2008. Extract of the report and minutes of the meeting are included as an appendix. A copy of the Trust's Board Report on last year's Annual Health Check will also be provided to Members.

Recommendation

13. It is recommended that

the Select Committee consider the information provided and identify further information needs or areas for Scrutiny.

Councillor EDW Llewellyn-Jones Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Background papers:

- Health Scrutiny Panel Response to the Annual Health Checks - 2008
- Annual Health Checks Select Committee Response to the Annual Health Checks – April 2008
- Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Response – April 2008
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/scrutiny>
- Healthcare Commission Annual Health Checks 2007-08
<http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk>
- Letter inviting comments from NHS Trusts
- Your part in the annual health checks – guidance from the Healthcare Commission
- CfPS Guide – the annual health check, a guide for Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- NHS Nottinghamshire County Trust Board Paper – 2007/08 Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check - 27 November 2008

Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust

1. **Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust has dropped from a rating of good for quality of services to fair.** The quality of services rating is based on three areas:
 - meeting core standards
 - existing national targets
 - new national targets
2. Bassetlaw PCT has improved its performance against existing national targets but its performance against new national targets has been downgraded. It has received a fair rating for new national targets and that has reduced the Trust's overall rating to fair.
3. Against the new national targets Bassetlaw PCT has improved ratings for:
 - Substantially reduce mortality rates by 2010 from heart disease and stroke and related diseases.
 - Halt the rise in obesity among children by 2010, as part of a broader strategy to tackle obesity in the population as a whole.
 - Ensure that by 2008 nobody waits more than 18 weeks from GP referral to hospital treatment.
4. The Healthcare Commission reports that Bassetlaw PCT is **underachieving** against two new national targets to:
 - Improve the quality of life and independence of vulnerable older people by increasing the proportion of older people being supported to live in their own home by 2008.
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as failing to meet this target
 - Reduce health inequalities by 2010.
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as achieving this target
5. Bassetlaw PCT is also reported as **failing** against two new national targets to:
 - Reduce adult smoking rates by 2010.
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as achieving this target
 - Reduce the under-18 conception rate by 2010, as part of a broader strategy to improve sexual health.
In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as achieving this target

Appendix 1

Extract of Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 10 November 2008

Bassetlaw PCT New National Targets	
Underachieving	Failing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the quality of life and independence of vulnerable older people by increasing the proportion of older people being supported to live in their own home by 2008. <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as failing to meet this target indicating an improvement in performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce health inequalities by 2010. <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as achieving this target indicating an drop in performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce adult smoking rates by 2010. <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as achieving this target indicating a significant drop in performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the under-18 conception rate by 2010, as part of a broader strategy to improve sexual health. <p>In 2006-07 the Trust was reported as achieving this target indicating a significant drop in performance</p>

Table 4

6. Bassetlaw PCT is also reported as not meeting three of the **existing national targets**:

- Underachieving - All ambulance trusts to respond to 95% of category B calls within 19 minutes.
- Underachieving - Update practice-based registers so that patients with coronary heart disease and diabetes, and the majority of patients at high risk of coronary heart disease, continue to receive appropriate advice and treatment in line with national service framework standards.
- Failing - Guaranteed access to a primary care professional within 24 hours and to a primary care doctor within 48 hours.

7. Representatives of Bassetlaw PCT have been invited to the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discuss the issues identified in the report.

Appendix 2

Extract of Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 10 November 2008

NHS ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKS

Consideration was given to a report on the findings of the Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check for NHS Trusts in Nottinghamshire for 2007/08.

Brenda Howard, Director of Strategy, NHS Nottinghamshire County, commented that the measures were harder to achieve as the bar had been raised. She added that a lot of work had been carried out in connection with resources which was why progress had been made from the previous year. Councillor Chris Winterton thought that there was no room for complacency with the findings, and that a fair rating was a concern.

Phil Mettan from Bassetlaw PCT commented that the deterioration in the rating for quality of service had caused dismay and led to a robust reaction. They were now actively performance managing the situation and were aiming to get good scores for the quality of services and use of resources next time.

Councillor Jen Cole commented that resources were necessary to stop young people starting smoking. Councillor Yvonne Davidson thought that the government needed to look at new leaf going into schools. Phil Mettan commented that there were issues about how the health service engaged with young people aged 10-15 on alcohol, smoking and obesity issues. Councillor Llewellyn-Jones commented that it would be useful if the PCT engaged with lead officers from the DARE programme so that these issues could be taken forward.

Councillor Brian Wombwell commented that there were a lot of problems for NHS Nottinghamshire County with the new national targets and there was a need to maximise effort. Brenda Howard acknowledged that they needed to work with other agencies on these issues.

It was agreed:-

- i. That further information be provided as to how NHS Trusts serving Nottinghamshire intend to improve to at least "good".
- ii. That a select committee of 9 Members be established to commence in January 2007 to consider the further information from NHS Trusts and comment on the Annual Health Checks for 2008/09.
- iii. That NHS Nottinghamshire County be congratulated on the significant improvement in their use of resources rating.