

24 February 2014

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED GP PRACTICE MERGER – DRS LAW & MOUNTCASTLE AND ORCHARD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce a briefing on the merger of Drs Law and Mountcastle (Churchside Medical Practice) and Orchard Medical Practice.

Information and Advice

2. Representatives from the practices concerned will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to provide a briefing on the proposed changes. A written briefing from Orchard 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