



meeting **HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

date **21 March 2006** **agenda item number**

Report of the Chair of the MRSA Study Group

MRSA Study Group - Interim Report

Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Health Select Committee with an update on the work of the MRSA Study Group.

Background

2. The Health Select Committee agreed to undertake a review into Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) in early 2005. It produced its first report in April 2005, containing 10 recommendations which was sent to all Nottinghamshire PCTs, Acute Trusts and the Secretary of State for Health.
3. Following receipt of these responses a second MRSA Study Group was established by the Select Committee on 27 September 2005 to follow up on the information received.
4. The Chair of the MRSA Study Group has provided regular verbal updates to the Health Select Committee on the work of the Study Group.

Issues

5. The Group has met twice since the last Health Select Committee, on 20 February 2006 and 1 March 2006.
6. Moya Stevenson, from the MRSA UK Action Group presented information to the Study Group on 20 February 2006 on her personal experience and the Action Group's involvement with MRSA.
7. The Study Group was provided with detailed information that whilst hospitals around the country were doing better at infection control there were other actions that could be taken to protect the community from the spread of hospital acquired infections.

8. The Study Group would like to have recorded in the minutes their thanks to Moya Stevenson for giving up her time to share her knowledge and experience.
9. At the meeting of 1 March 2006 the Study Group decided that in light of the information that it had been supplied with, it would be beneficial to visit another major hospital.
10. As a result of this decision, the Study Group is not in a position to present the final report to this meeting as was intended and seeks to deliver the final report to the Health Select Committee meeting on 2 May 2006.

Recommendations

11. It is recommended that

The Health Select Committee comment on the progress made by the MRSA Study Group and receives the Study Group's final report on 2 May 2006.

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Chair, MRSA Study Group

Background papers: MRSA Study Group