



meeting	JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
date	10 October 2006	agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust – Adult Mental Health Directorate

Purpose

1. To provide Members with an opportunity to consider changes to the local NHS contained within the Service and Finance Strategy of Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust (NCHT). The Strategy seeks to “outline plans to streamline and refine services following the significant growth period associated with the National Service Framework for Mental Health Services and the NHS plan” and could constitute a substantial variation/development of the local.

Background

2. At the meeting of the Joint Committee on 12 September 2006 Members agreed to consider changes to the local NHS proposed by Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust.
3. The Service and Finance Strategy containing the changes will be considered by the NCHT Board on 28 September 2006. The Board will be asked to give agreement to proposals that will form a broad direction of travel prior to further detailed work.
4. The report to the NCHT Board indicates the intention of the Trust to discuss the proposals contained within the strategy with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to hold a public consultation on the proposals between 1 November 2006 and 31 January 2007.

Issues

5. Representatives of NCHT have been invited to the meeting to present and discuss the proposals for change and the proposed consultation process. A copy of the Service and Finance Strategy is attached at Appendix 1 for information.

6. Members may wish to explore, amongst others, the following issues:
- Consultation with public, patients, partners, staff etc. Consultation to date and proposed.
 - Demand for the current service
 - Demand for the new service and rationale for providing it
 - Impact on patients of the changes
 - Financial impacts of the reconfiguration

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. It is recommended that:

Members consider the proposals and agree a response or identify further sources of evidence.

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Chair, Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers: Finance and Service Strategy