



meeting	JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
date	13 January 2009	agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Care for Long Term Conditions - Discussions with the Voluntary Sector

Purpose of the report

1. To provide Members with an opportunity to meet representatives and carers from voluntary sector organisations or groups to better inform the Joint Committee's work with the NHS and Social Care.

Background

2. As part of the programme of work, the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee requested that an opportunity be provided to meet representatives and carers from voluntary sector organisations/groups. This was scheduled for the meeting on 13 January 2009 and intended to better inform the Joint Committee's work with the NHS and Social Care.

Issues

3. Representatives and carers from a number of voluntary sector organisations or groups have been invited to attend the meeting. Each group will be invited to talk about their work for 10-15 minutes and then Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions.
4. The discussion could include:
 - The work of carers, the scope of the work they do and the difficulties they face
 - The relationship between carers, the NHS and local authorities, including
 - how carers are consulted by the NHS and local authorities and
 - any difficulties between the organisations.
 - The support available for carers through the voluntary organisation

5. The voluntary sector organisations have been invited to stay for refreshments following the close of the meeting to provide an opportunity for informal discussion.
6. The invited organisations have been identified in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Committee. Further opportunities could be provided to meet other organisations if the Joint Committee considers this of benefit.

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
 - i. discuss the work of the voluntary sector and identify any further information that is required.
 - ii. thank the organisations for attending

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Chair of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Background papers: