

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 28 November 2007

at 5.00 pm

**at Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre,
Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM:

Councillors Akers-Belcher, R W Cook, Coward, Cranney, Flintoff, Gibbon, Griffin, Henery, Richardson, Simmons and Turner

Resident Representatives:

Ann Butterfield, Alan Lloyd and Linda Shields

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2007 (*attached*) and 12 November 2007 (*to follow*).

4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM

No items.

5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

No items.

6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS/BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

No items.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Scrutiny Investigation into the Transportation Links to Hospital Services and Neighbourhood Services Department Transport Provision

7.1 Evidence from North Tees Hartlepool and NHS Trust

(a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Manager*

(b) Presentation - *Director of Estates and Facilities*

7.2 Evidence from North Tees and Hartlepool PCT

(a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Manager*

(b) Presentation – *Deputy Director of Health Systems and Estates Development*

7.3 Evidence from the Local Public and Patient Involvement Forums

(a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Manager*

(b) Verbal Evidence – *PPI Representatives*

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting Wednesday 9 January 2008 at 4.00 pm at Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre, Kendal Road, Hartlepool.

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Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: TRANSPORTATION LINKS TO HOSPITAL
SERVICES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
DEPARTMENT TRANSPORT PROVISION –
EVIDENCE FROM NORTH TEES AND
HARTLEPOOL NHS TRUST – COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members that a representative from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust will be in attendance to provide evidence at today's meeting in relation to this Forum's ongoing investigation into Transportation Links to Hospital Services and Neighbourhood Services Department Transportation Provision.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 19 September 2007, the Terms of Reference and Potential Areas of Inquiry / Sources of Evidence for this Scrutiny investigation were approved by the Forum.
- 2.2 Consequently, a representative from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust has been invited to attend today's meeting to provide evidence in relation to the Forum's investigation into Transportation Links to Hospital Services and Neighbourhood Services Department Transportation Provision.
- 2.3 According to Department of Health guidance NHS Trusts were created in 1991 under NHS reforms to provide hospital care, mental health care and ambulance and special services. During this evidence gathering session it is suggested that responses should be sought to the following key questions:-
- (a) What are your responsibilities, if any, under the statutory and regulatory frameworks for transport links to hospital sites?

- (b) What role / involvement has the NHS Trust had in the various planning exercises and work streams conducted under recent reviews of hospital services in the Tees Valley in relation to transportation links to hospital sites?
- (c) What work, if any at this stage, has been undertaken to identify potential locations of the proposed new hospital site accessible to the people of Hartlepool, Stockton, Easington and Sedgefield?
- (d) What accessibility planning will be carried out in relation to potential hospital sites?
- (e) What information, if any, do you provide to patients and relatives seeking to access hospital services about existing transportation links to these?
- (f) How do you consider that the effectiveness of transportation links to existing, and new, hospital sites can be maximised?

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members note the content of the report and question the representative of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust appropriately.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) *A guide to the NHS for Members and Officers of Health Scrutiny Committees*, Department of Health, November 2003.

<http://www.doh.gov.uk>

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Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: TRANSPORTATION LINKS TO HOSPITAL
SERVICES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
DEPARTMENT TRANSPORT PROVISION –
EVIDENCE FROM NORTH TEES AND
HARTLEPOOL PCT – COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members that a representative from North Tees and Hartlepool Primary Care Trust (PCT) will be in attendance to provide evidence at today's meeting in relation to this Forum's ongoing investigation into Transportation Links to Hospital Services and Neighbourhood Services Department Transportation Provision.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 19 September 2007, the Terms of Reference and Potential Areas of Inquiry / Sources of Evidence for this Scrutiny investigation were approved by the Forum.
- 2.2 PCTs are responsible for planning and securing health services and for improving the health of the local population. According to the Department of Health the three main functions of a Primary Care Trust are:
- (a) Engaging with its local population to improve health and well-being;
 - (b) Commissioning a comprehensive and equitable range of high quality, responsive and efficient services, within allocated resources, across all service sectors; and
 - (c) Directly providing high quality responsive and efficient services where this gives best-value.
- 2.3 Consequently, a representative from North Tees and Hartlepool Primary Care Trust has been invited to attend today's meeting to provide evidence in relation to the Forum's investigation into Transportation Links to Hospital Services and Neighbourhood Services Department Transportation Provision.

During this evidence gathering session it is suggested that responses should be sought to the following key questions:-

- (a) What responsibilities do you have, if any, under the statutory and regulatory frameworks for transport links to hospital sites?
- (b) What role / involvement has the PCT had in the various planning exercises and work streams conducted under recent reviews of hospital services in the Tees Valley in relation to transportation links to hospital sites?
- (c) What work, if any at this stage, has been undertaken to identify potential locations of the proposed new hospital site accessible to the people of Hartlepool, Stockton, Easington and Sedgefield?
- (d) As commissioners of services what is being done to take into account transport issues to existing and future hospital services? How is / will this be taken into account in accessibility planning for potential hospital sites?
- (e) What information, if any, do you provide to patients and relatives seeking to access hospital services about existing transportation links to these?
- (f) How do you consider that the effectiveness of transportation links to existing, and new, hospital sites can be maximised?

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members note the content of the report and question the representative of North Tees and Hartlepool PCT appropriately.

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Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: TRANSPORTATION LINKS TO HOSPITAL SERVICES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION PROVISION – EVIDENCE FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC AND PATIENT INVOLVEMENT FORUMS – COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members that representatives from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum and Hartlepool Primary Care PPI Forum will be in attendance to provide verbal evidence at today's meeting in relation to this Forum's ongoing investigation into Transportation Links to Hospital Services and Neighbourhood Services Department Transportation Provision.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 There is a Patient and Public Involvement Forum for every NHS Trust and Primary Care Trust (PCT) in England. According to the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health, PPI Forums are made up of local volunteers who are enthusiastic about influencing and improving the way that local healthcare is delivered. Furthermore, the Forums are here to ensure local people have their say in decisions about local health services.
- 2.2 Consequently, representatives of the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust PPI Forum and Hartlepool Primary Care PPI Forum have been invited to attend today's meeting to provide evidence in relation to Transportation Links to Hospital Services and Neighbourhood Services Department Transportation Provision. Members may wish to seek responses to the following key questions during this evidence gathering session:-

- (a) What are your views on transportation links to current and future hospital services?
- (b) What are your views on the access to existing hospital sites outside of Hartlepool?
- (c) What are your views on the information available to patients and relatives seeking to access hospital services?
- (d) How do you consider that the effectiveness of transport links to hospital sites can be maximised?

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members note the content of the report and question representatives of the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust PPI Forum and Hartlepool Primary Care PPI Forum appropriately.

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The following background information was used in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) http://www.cppih.org/ppi_new.html