

## Agenda Item 6a

### AT A MEETING of the **HEALTH PANEL**

held at the Council House, Walsall  
on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2004** at 6.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Woodruff	(Chairman)
Councillor Robertson	
Councillor Pitt	
Louise Mabley	(PALS)
Doreen Russell	(PALS)
Jim Weston	(Patients Representative)
Dr. Anthony Varkey	(Local Medical Committee)
Sam Ramaiah	(PCT)
Julia Holding	(BCC Health Authority)
Pauline Pilkington	
William Henwood	
Mark Inglis	

#### 8. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from David Martin.

#### 9. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor V. Woodruff and Doreen Russell declared a personal non prejudicial interest as they are employees of Walsall Hospitals NHS.

#### 10. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 27 September 2004**

Resolved

that the minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel be agreed as a correct record.

#### 11. **Notes of Regional Health Scrutiny Chairs Meeting on 27 September 2004**

Resolved

That the notes of the above meeting be received.

#### 12. **Access to Mental Health Services Progress Report**

A comprehensive progress report on the Access to Mental Health Services review was presented to the panel. The final report would contain information

gathered from consultations and would include comparisons with other local authority areas.

Resolved

that the next meeting of the panel would receive the final report or a full update if this was not available.

**13. Work Programme 2004/2005**

The proposed work programme was discussed by the panel.

Resolved

It was resolved that: -

1. The Health Equality Audit was the most appropriate focus for in depth review.
2. That within this document, the issue of obesity deserved the most urgent attention.
3. That Sam Ramaiah be asked to prepare some work on scoping this review to present at the next meeting.

**14. Patient and Public Involvement for Birmingham and the Black Country Strategic Health Authority**

Julia Holding gave a presentation on her role as lead for patient and public involvement.

The details of the presentation are annexed:-

8. Information Items
- 8.1 Centre for Public Scrutiny – support for Health Scrutiny

There would be a further report on this item at the next meeting.

- 8.2 LGA Conference
- 8.3 West Midlands Ambulance Service needs
- 8.4 West Midlands LGA Evaluations Framework

Resolved

That the above documents be received and noted by the panel.

