

A T A M E E T I N G

- of the -

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL held at
the Council House, Walsall on
Wednesday 27 April 2005 at
6.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor V. Woodruff - Chair
Councillor I. Robertson
Councillor D. Pitt
Dr. S. Ramaiah - Director Public Health (permanent
advisor)
Mr. J. Weston - Patient Forum Representative
Mr. D. Martin - Health, Social Care and Supported Housing

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs. B. McCracken, Mrs D. Russell, Ms L. Mabley and Dr. Varkey.

SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no substitutions at this meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP

Councillor Woodruff declared a personal non prejudicial interest as an employee of the Walsall Hospital NHS and Councillor D. Pitt declared a personal and non prejudicial interest as an employee of West Midlands Ambulance Service.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of meeting held on 15 March 2005; a copy having been previously circulated to each member of the panel be approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.

ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The report prepared by Margaret Wilcox was submitted: -

(See annexed).

Councillor Woodruff advised the committee that it would not be possible to discuss this item due to the unavoidable absence of Margaret Wilcox who had prepared the report and had been due to be present to provide the panel with further information.

It was resolved therefore to defer further consideration of this report to a future meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

HEALTH CARE COMMISSION (ASSESSMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT: THE ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK) EXECUTIVE CORE STANDARS

The extract from the Health Care Commissions document was submitted: -

(See annexed).

RESOLVED

That the extract on the executive core standards be received and noted.

WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE NETWORK NEWS

A copy of the Network News was submitted: -

(See annexed).

RESOLVED

That the newsletter be received and noted.

COMMISSION FOR PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH

Mr Weston the representative for the Patients Forum advised the panel that at the last meeting concern had been raised relating to the lack of mention of Walsall within the Patient and Public Involvement Health Newsletter which had been circulated for information. He said that the Patient Forum had since been involved in an inspection of hospitals within Walsall and that a report was being produced. He agreed to ensure that the panel is provided with a copy of this report following its completion.

TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.15 p.m.

Chairman

Date