

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Select Committee No 4 - Health

13 March 2008

Present at the meeting:

Councillor G M Bretherton (Chair)
Councillor I A Franzen
Councillor C Rigby

Councillor Mrs J Hurst
Councillor Mrs S Loudon
Councillor N R Whittingham

.1 Apologies for absence: Councillors Derricott, R Winkworth and Councillor M W Winstanley

.2 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of this Select Committee held on 21 February 2008 were approved as a correct record.

.3 Foundation Trust Status and the Future of Wrightington Hospital – A presentation was given by Andrew Foster, Chief Executive of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Andrew Foster also updated the Committee on the Audiology Review.

Resolved: (1) The Select Committee thanked Andrew Foster for his presentation and the update on the Audiology Review.

(2) The Select Committee requested that the Trust take a more proactive approach in future.

.4 Annual Report: D Taylor briefed the Committee on the content of their Annual Report.

Resolved: (1) The Select Committee thanked D Taylor for her work on this report.

(2) The Select Committee asked that the report be circulated for comments.

.5 Standards for Better Health – Self Assessment: D Taylor briefed the Select Committee on the draft responses to the Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust and 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust.

Resolved: (1) The Select Committee thanked D Taylor for her briefing.

(2) The Select Committee agreed that the draft responses be circulated and comments given to D Taylor.

.6 Any other business: (a) GM Ambulance NHS Trust: D Taylor briefed the Committee on a letter from the Trust requesting the Committee for their comments on the Standards for Better Health.

Resolved: The Select Committee agreed that D Taylor respond to GM Ambulance Service NHS Trust on behalf of the Committee.

(b) Mental Health: There was a discussion about issues relating to Mental Health.

Resolved: The Select Committee agreed that any queries that they had would be passed to D Taylor to collate and forward to the 5 Borough's NHS Trust.

.7 Date and time of next meeting: Resolved: Meeting date to be arranged.

Chairman