



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(HEALTH STREAM)

Held: WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2005 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Garrity - Chair
Councillor Westley – Labour Spokesperson (Health Stream)
Councillor Porter – Conservative Spokesperson (Health Stream)

Councillor Green
Councillor Sood

Councillor Nurse

Standing Invitee for Health Issues
Steve Whitehead, Director of Public Health

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24. PRIMARY CARE TRUST BUDGETS 2005/2006

Carolyn Clifton, Leicester City East PCT, and Rob McMahon, Leicester City West PCT, gave a detailed presentation to the Committee on the financial position for 2005/2006 of the Eastern Leicester PCT and Leicester City West PCT.

The Committee was informed of the various pressures on the PCT budgets. These had arisen for a number of reasons including the 2004/05 out turn position, national priority demands and the costs of commissioning. In addition the projected position for the PCT budgets for 2006/07 and 2007/08 was highlighted to Members.

The Committee thanked Carolyn and Rob for the presentation. Members asked a number of questions regarding the PCT budgets and the work of the PCTs. In particular, Members asked what factors had resulted in an overspend for the 2004/05 budget. Additional information was also sought on GP availability across the City. Members briefly discussed the availability of Dentists and the role of Community Matrons. It was agreed to add these matters to the Committee work programme for consideration in the next municipal year.

The PCT representatives reported that the over spend for the 2004/05 budget had largely been a result of the ambitious modernisation programme that the NHS was undertaking. Members noted that this had resulted in many other

PCTs around the country facing a similar financial position. In addition there had been further budgetary pressures due to increased emergency activity costs and in the levels of prescribing.

With regards to GP provision, the Committee was advised that both PCTs offered a range of support measures to help GPs. In particular support had been provided for the additional work generated by refugees and asylum seekers and with out of hours working, as well as assistance with practice organisation. An increased use of nursing and pharmacy resources was being used to support GP workloads. In addition it was reported that many GP premises had benefited from substantial building improvements. The Committee was informed, however, that increased partnership working between the PCTs and Council Planning Officers would be beneficial when considering future residential developments to ensure that adequate space was available for health provision and services.

It was moved, seconded and resolved that "Cabinet be asked to identify ways to ensure that the consideration of health provision and services is included in the consultation process for future residential developments in the City".

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the financial position of Eastern Leicester and Leicester City West PCTs be noted; and
- (2) That Cabinet be asked to identify ways to ensure that the consideration of health provision and services is included in the consultation process for future residential developments in the City; and
- (3)** That dental provision in the City and the role of Community Matrons be added to the Scrutiny Committee work programme.