

NHS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY STUDIES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To invite Members to consider topics for future NHS scrutiny studies in Essex.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall that in 2003 powers were given to those authorities with Social Services functions to carry out formal scrutiny of NHS services. In Essex a partnership forum has been created to help ensure that second tier Councils are included in the process.
- 2.2 Members have previously indicated that they would wish to invite County Councillor R A Pearson to meetings when NHS scrutiny studies are being discussed, and Councillor Pearson has indicated that he will be attending the meeting.

3 SCRUTINY STUDY PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Following earlier suggestions, the partnership forum has decided that the following subjects will be topics for studies over the next few months.
- Cancer drug usage in South Essex.
 - Diabetes services
 - Primary Care.
- 3.2 The Council has now been asked for suggestions for the next set of studies after these. In line with previous committee discussions, two topics have already been reiterated to County:
- Hospital acquired infections.
 - Nutrition of elderly and other hospital in-patients unable to feed themselves (including fluid intake).
- 3.3 Members are invited to suggest further topics they would wish to be considered for studies.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is proposed that the Committee RESOLVES

To advise Essex County Council of any topics that this Council wishes to see considered for future health scrutiny.

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Background Papers:-

Letter from Essex County Council 21 December 2004.

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