

Members briefing note

Update on the Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)

1. Gloucestershire County Council has adopted a new Scrutiny structure.

From November HOSC will be renamed the Health, Community and Care Scrutiny Committee to reflect the addition of scrutiny of the work of the Community and Adult Care Directorate – adult social care, libraries and information services, equalities team, lifelong learning and customer service.

The work programme will be set by the committee and agreed by the Scrutiny Management Committee to avoid duplication between committees.

The membership of the committees will change; there will be nine county councillors bringing the size of the committee up to 15.

In November the committee will undertake inductions to the new areas of work.

2. In the New Year I will bring a report to the Social and Community Committee on the work plan of the new committee and reports that were discussed at the HOSC meetings in July and September 2009 meetings. These include;

The independent review of Children's In Patient Services at Cheltenham General and Gloucester Royal hospitals.

The work of the task group set up to review the proposals for 'Improving Services for Children and Young People with Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties'.

As a result of the HOSC papers for the next meeting on 2 November 2009 being circulated to S&C committee members I have already received comments and requests for information on the papers to raise at that meeting.

I would like to thank the committee for endorsing the opportunity for closer working between the 2 committees.

For further information contact Councillor Penny Hall, CBC representative to HOSC.

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