



Coventry City Council

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## Briefing note

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**To**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 16 April 2008

**Subject:** Scrutiny Chairs Quarterly Reports – Scrutiny Board 4

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### 1 Purpose of the Note

To inform Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee of the activity, recommendations and outcomes of the work of Scrutiny Board 4 (Community Services/Culture, Leisure and Libraries/Neighbourhoods and Community Safety/Health) in the period January 2008 to April 2008.

### 2 Recommendations

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to note this information and consider any further action.

### 3 Information/Background

#### *Activity*

The scrutiny committee was involved in consideration of the following issues:

- The local health economy and the financial position of University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW)
- Provision of phlebotomy services in Coventry
- The Coventry Climate Change Strategy
- Cabinet Member Strategic Plans half-year update:
  - o Culture, Leisure and Libraries
  - o Community Services
  - o Neighbourhoods and Community Safety
- Role of the Joint Director of Public Health
- Reports of the local Patient and Public Involvement Forums
- Coventry Community Safety Plan
- Coventry Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy
- Health overview and scrutiny committee commentaries for local NHS organisations on their Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check submissions
- Provision of health care services in Coventry City centre
- Procurement of a "Host" organisation for the Coventry Local Involvement Network

The Chair was involved in the development of Coventry Teaching PCT's Patient and Public Involvement Strategy.

The followings items are scheduled for consideration on 16 April 2008:

- Evaluation of the "Contact and Connect" project
- Evaluation of the Individual Budgets pilot
- Community Services Consultation on Homes for Older People

The committee will also launch a new review of the experiences of people with physical and sensory impairments in hospital and after discharge, building on the earlier review of the experiences of older people.

*Recommendations made:*

- As part of the Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check self-assessment process, the committee made commentary submissions for UHCW, Coventry Teaching PCT (CTPCT), Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT) and West Midlands Ambulance Service
- The committee made recommendations relating to the Coventry Climate Change Strategy
- The Chair made informal recommendations in relation to the CWPT consultation on the future of the Lea Castle Centre

*Outcomes achieved:*

- A support package for UHCW totalling £50.5 million has been agreed, pending Department of Health confirmation (the scrutiny committee made a series of recommendations relating to the local health economy, including the future financial stability of UHCW. There was also correspondence between the Chair and various stakeholders – including David Nicholson, NHS Chief Executive – on this topic)
- A new community based phlebotomy service started in the city, offering a service from over 20 locations (the scrutiny committee gave consideration to earlier changes to phlebotomy services, and were involved in the recommissioning of the service)
- CTPCT, UHCW and Coventry City Council agreed an action plan in response to the committee's recommendations on the experiences of older people in hospital and after discharge
- The Coventry Climate Change Strategy was amended as a result of the Scrutiny Board's recommendations
- Following additional Department of Health funding, Coventry Teaching PCT has proposed new General Practices in Hillfields, Stoke Aldermoor and Foleshill, all of which were identified as priority areas in earlier scrutiny reports.
- Coventry City Council was awarded Beacon Status for its work on Reducing Health Inequalities, with the citation noting, "Cross-party member leadership for Health Inequalities is particularly strong with eloquent champions in both executive and scrutiny functions".

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