

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22 JULY 2008

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

12(B)HEALTH ENGAGEMENT PANEL –
RESPONSES TO NHS AND PCT CONSULTATIONS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

'D' RECOMMENDATION - that the responses sent in to the NHS and PCT on behalf of East Herts Council in relation to their respective consultation exercises, be noted.

1.0 Purpose/Summary of Report

1.1 This report is intended to inform the Community Scrutiny Committee of the details of the written responses sent into the NHS (East and North Hertfordshire Trust) and the PCT (West Hertfordshire and East & North Hertfordshire) in respect of their recent public consultation exercises.

2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/Objectives

2.1 **Leading the way, working together.**

Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.

2.2 **Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities.**

Enhance the quality of life, health and well-being of individuals, families and communities – particularly those who are vulnerable.

3.0 Background

3.1 The minutes of the Health Engagement Panel (where the NHS and PCT consultations were considered) are included elsewhere as part of the papers for this agenda.

3.2 After the HEP meeting, a letter was prepared to be sent to the East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust to give East Herts Council's

response to the questions asked in their public consultation exercise regarding Foundation Status.

3.3 After the HEP meeting, a letter was prepared to be sent to the West Hertfordshire PCT and East & North Hertfordshire PCT to give East Herts Council's response to the questions and issues raised in their public consultation exercise regarding GP-led Health Centres.

4.0 Report

4.1 The letters submitted to the NHS and PCT are attached to this cover report as Appendix 'A12' and Appendix 'B12' (pages 12B.4 – 12B.7) respectively.

4.2 A copy of the letter to the PCT has also been sent to Hertfordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee for inclusion in the papers linked to an item on the agenda of their meeting on 17 June 2008: *'One-off' scrutiny of proposals for the establishment of two primary medical centres in the County*. It appears as Item 1, Appendix 7 in their committee papers.

5.0 Consultation

5.1 The draft of the responses was drawn up by Health Engagement Panel members and the final version was shared with the Chairman and relevant Executive Member before being submitted through the Chief Executive.

6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 None

8.0 Human Resource Implications

8.1 None

9.0 Risk Management Implications

9.1 None

Background Papers:

East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust: Foundation Trust Status consultation document. "Your hospital, your care, your voice".

<http://www.enherts-tr.org/ourproposals.html>

West Hertfordshire Primary Care Trust and East & North Hertfordshire Primary Care Trust: Equitable Access to Primary Care consultation paper. "Local Procurement of GP-led Health Centre".

<http://www.enherts-pct.nhs.uk/Documents/consultation/ConsultationPaperForWebsites.pdf>

Minutes of HEP meeting held on Monday 12 May 2008.

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