

STATUTORY JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5 BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST PROPOSALS RELATING TO IMPROVING SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN HALTON, ST. HELENS AND WARRINGTON

Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on
19 April 2007

(Members Present) Halton Council

Councillors Cargill (Chairman), Inch and Loftus

St. Helens Council

**Councillors Bowden (Vice Chairman), Sheldon and
Stephanie Topping
Sheldon (substitute for Councillor McGuire)**

Warrington Council

Councillors Hoyle and Johnson

(Also Present) Halton Council

Audrey Williamson, Operational Director, Adults of a Working Age

St. Helens Council

Ian Blythin, Corporate Manager

Carole Swift, Service Manager Carers and Scrutiny

Mike Wyatt, Assistant Director, Performance and Business Support

Warrington Council

Helen Sumner, Strategic Director, Community Services

Alison Williams, Overview and Scrutiny Officer

Rob Vickers, Halton and St. Helens Primary Care Trust

Tina Molyneux, (Clerk to the Committee),
Senior Democratic Services Officer, St. Helens Council

41 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Banner and McGuire.

Councillor Loftus here entered the meeting.

42 **MINUTES**

- * **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November, 2006 be approved and signed.**

43 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

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PRESENTATION FROM 5 BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST - PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS

A Presentation was made to the Committee by John Kelly, Director of Adult Services 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust on the progress made on the Committee's recommendations.

Jan East, Assistant Chief Executive, 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust was also present.

* **Resolved that**

- (1) the Presentation be noted; and**
- (2) John Kelly, Director of Adult Services and Jan East, Assistant Chief Executive, 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust were thanked for their attendance.**

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REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report was submitted to enable Members to review the Terms of Reference for the Committee that had been agreed at a meeting of the Committee held on 20 July 2006 and were as follows:

1. To establish a statutory joint committee to scrutinise proposals from the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust to improve services for people with mental health needs in the Boroughs of Halton, St Helens and Warrington.
2. To undertake the scrutiny of the proposals in accordance with the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002, and the Directions to Local Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Health Scrutiny Functions) July 2003.
3. To complete a report outlining the statutory committees views of the proposals and to make recommendations to the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust where relevant.
4. To monitor the Trust's responses to the report and agree mechanisms for the ongoing monitoring of future changes to mental health services.

* **Resolved that the Terms of Reference of the Committee had now been completed.**

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FURTHER ACTION

A verbal report was given to the Committee which advised Members of further action to be taken.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) the Statutory Joint Scrutiny Committee end;**
- (2) issues be dealt with on a local basis;**
- (3) if any authority or the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust believe there is an issue which affects the three Boroughs then a Joint Scrutiny Committee could be formed;**

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- (4) Officers from the three authorities continue to develop protocols for joint working and the establishment of Joint Scrutiny Committees; and**
- (5) a letter be sent by the Chairman to the 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust informing them of the Committees decisions.**

The Chairman thanked Members and individually thanked Officers for their contribution and commitment which had resulted in the success of the Review.

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