

Item 4

HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

FORMAL CONSULTATION ON TEES, ESK AND WEAR VALLEYS NHS TRUST PLANS TO BECOME A NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

SUMMARY

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust are undergoing formal consultation on their plans to apply to become an NHS Foundation Trust by April 2008. The formal consultation period will run from 9 July to 29 September 2007 and the Trust have invited the Council to comment on their plans.

RECOMMENDATION

Members consider the 'Making a Difference Together' consultation document and respond to questions contained within it to assist the formulation of a response.

DETAIL

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust provide a range of mental health, learning disability and substance misuse services for the 1.4 million people living in County Durham, the Tees Valley and North East Yorkshire. The Trust employ 5,000 staff, who work from over 100 sites as well as directly into local people's homes and hold an annual budget of over £200 million to provide services.

The enclosed consultation document 'Making a Difference Together' outlines the Trust's plans to apply to become an NHS Foundation Trust by April 2008. The Trust are not consulting on becoming a Foundation Trust, as that is Government Policy, but are seeking views on their plans for the future and their proposals for a constitution that will guide how they operate as a Foundation Trust.

Following consideration of the 'Making a Difference Together' consultation document, the Committee are requested to provide a response and comments to consultation questions that are identified on page 16 of the consultation document.

The Committee's views will be forwarded to assist in the formulation of a response.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

LIST OF APPENDICES

1. Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust – Making A Difference Together, Consultation Document

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Background Papers
None