



ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 16 March 2009

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Consultation by NHS Health Bodies on Foundation Trust Application

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the applications by .

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 We have received consultation documents from Derbyshire Mental Health Services Trust and the Nottingham University Hospital Trusts on their intentions to apply for Foundation Trust status.
- 2.2 Becoming a Foundation Trust provides a range of benefits including:
- they reduce burden and bureaucracy and give more independence
 - provide greater financial flexibility and access to greater funding sources
 - give more freedom to develop and enhance health care services
 - provide greater opportunity for more involvement with the public and staff
- 2.3 The Commission considered a similar consultation proposal from Derbyshire Mental Health Services Trust in December 2006 when it unsuccessfully last applied to become Foundation Trust. On that occasion the Commission made the following recommendation:
- to stress the importance that the relationship between the Trust and the Council remain the same in terms of accountability**
- 2.4 Members are asked to consider and give their views on the consultation papers.

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Background papers:	Consultation paper from Derbyshire Mental Health Services trust Consultation paper from Nottingham University Hospital
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2001 provides overview and scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services within their area.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 to help us all to be healthy and active.