

Health briefing

Area Panel One

October/November 2006

Welcome to our Health Briefing

Derby City Primary Care Trust works to improve the health of people across the city and make sure the health services they need are available. Their job is to:

- work out what is needed to improve local people's health
- provide some services themselves – such as community services including clinics, district nurses, children's services and health visitors
- buy some services from others – such as larger hospitals and specialist treatments.

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In this issue you will find details of:

- the new Derby City PCT
- Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check
- UnitedHealth Europe Contract.

New Derby City PCT

From 1 October 2006 Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trusts were replaced by a single Derby City Primary Care Trust. This follows a national consultation process to support the government's vision of 'Creating a Patient-led NHS'.

Because Central and Greater Derby PCTs have already been working together, there has been a smooth transition to the new organisation.

Prem Singh remains the Chief Executive and John Beswarick, Chair of Central Derby PCT, has been appointed Chair of Derby City PCT.

Our postal address and telephone numbers remain the same, but our website and e-mail addresses have changed.

To e-mail most members of staff follow the format

firstname.surname@derbypct.nhs.uk

You can view our new website at

www.derbypct.nhs.uk



Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check

The Healthcare Commission has announced its annual performance rating for 2005/06.

The annual health check is the system for assessing and rating the performance of NHS healthcare organisations in England. It is designed to give the public a more accurate picture of local NHS healthcare organisations, whilst reducing overlap and duplication in the regulation of healthcare providers, as inspections, audits and reviews are focused where they are most valuable

Overall the Derby PCTs (which were assessed as Central Derby PCT and Greater Derby PCT) achieved very good results.

Both Central and Greater Derby PCTs received a rating of 'good' for use of resources – the only PCTs in the East Midlands to achieve this. For 'quality of services' Central Derby's overall rating was 'fair' along with the majority of the country's PCTs and Greater Derby's rating was 'good'.

The results for Greater Derby PCT are the best in the East Midlands, with Central Derby in the top third.

For more information visit the HealthCare Commission's website and select 'Annual Health Check Ratings' from the menu.

www.healthcarecommission.org.uk

You can search for your local healthcare providers and download a copy of the Healthcare Commission's report.

United Health Europe Contract

UnitedHealth Europe (UHE) will be providing services for patients of the Normanton Medical Centre following the signing of contracts with Central and Greater Derby PCTs on 7 September 2006.

UHE were selected as the preferred provider following the retirement of local GP Dr Paul and have since been working

with the PCTs to establish the exact nature of the services to be provided. During contract negotiations the PCTs have managed the practice and, with the existing practice team, ensured that services have continued to be provided.

The PCTs worked closely with UHE to ensure a smooth handover, resulting in continuity of service and no disruption to patient care. Local patients have been informed of the new arrangements and UnitedHealth Europe will be liaising with patient representatives to get their views on service requirements.

In time, UHE plans to extend the surgery's opening hours and provide a greater range of outreach services to meet the needs of the local community, particularly those living with long-term conditions.

Area Panels are welcome to contact the PCT with questions, or to invite a representative from the PCT to speak at an Area Panel meeting if there is a particular subject of interest to the Panel. You can contact us at the address overleaf.

If you have any questions you can either direct them through the Area Panel Manager - Richard Smail on 01332 258505 or contact us direct:

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