



## SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 24 January 2006

Report of the Chair of the Social Care and Health Commission

### **Social Care and Health Commission Topic Review of the Proposals for the Reorganisation of the Derbyshire Primary Care Trust**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Scrutiny Management Commission approves the review of the proposals for the reorganisation of the Derbyshire Primary Care Trust that the Social Care and Health Commission has selected as a workplan topic for 2006.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 At a meeting on 5 January 2006, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Social Care and Health Commission agreed in principle to the request of the Chief Executive of Derby City Council that the Commission should carry out a review of the proposals for the reorganisation of Derbyshire Primary Care Trusts (PCTs).
- 2.2 The reconfiguration is the subject of a consultation process that began on 14 December 2005 and will finish on 22 March 2006. As the timescale within which the review must be completed is short there will need to be an intense period of evidence gathering during February 2006. It is proposed therefore that all the OSCers will support this review.
- 2.3 The draft Terms of Reference and suggested timetable of the review are set out in the report in Appendix 2 to this report.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference of the Review

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. None arising from this report. The review will incur some costs, but these will be contained within the Commission's research budget.

**Legal**

2. None

**Personnel**

3. None

**Equalities impact**

4. The review will be of benefit to all Derby people.

**Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities**

5. The review has the potential to link to the following of the Council's Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities:

Objectives

- Healthy, safe and independent communities.

Values

- Develop effective partnerships with all stakeholders, especially Derby's residents.

Priorities

- Modernising social care
- Improving customer service, in the city centre and locally.

## Appendix 2

### A review of the proposals for the reorganisation of the Derbyshire Primary Care Trusts

The draft Terms of Reference of this review are as shown in the following table

Draft Terms of Reference		
	Issue	Action
1.	Confirm the objectives of the proposed re-organisation and clarify the reasoning behind the options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of the existing Consultation reports.</li> <li>• Interviews with witnesses</li> </ul>
2.	Determine why the Derbyshire Programme Board thinks that a single countywide PCT for Derbyshire is the preferred option	Interviews with witnesses
3.	Consideration SHA Board views on the proposals	Interview of SHA representative(s)
4.	Consider views of non-PCT stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews with witnesses</li> <li>• Analysis of questionnaire responses</li> </ul>
5.	Assess the financial implications of the proposals to see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much money will be available for both options</li> <li>• How the money will break down</li> <li>• What the money will buy</li> <li>• Whether the funding for a single Derby City PCT will be sufficient to provide the desired level of service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews with witnesses</li> <li>• The request and examination of information relating to the demand and funding level of the options</li> </ul>
6.	Identification of the PCT structure that the Commission considers will best provide for the needs of Derby residents	Consideration of the evidence obtained in the course of the review

The draft timetable for the review is set out in the following table.

**PCT Consultation draft Timetable**

	Action	Date
1.	Commission meeting with Nina Ennis. This will be part of the scheduled business meeting of the Commission and will probably not provide sufficient time to fully explore the issue with Nina. An additional meeting may therefore be required. This should be held in late January/early February 2006.	16 January 2006  Possible additional Commission meeting in late Jan/early Feb 2006
2.	Interviews with the witnesses identified in Section 4 Proposed Methodology	These will be conducted as a series of interviews during the week commencing 13 February 2006  This is likely to involve around three full days of interviews
3.	Consideration of the financial implications	Complete by 17 February 2006
4.	Assessment of evidence, preparation of the draft report and development of the draft recommendations	Do this during the two week period 20 February-3 March 2006
5.	Commission to consider draft report and recommendations, amend where appropriate, and agree final report and recommendations.	Additional Commission meeting during week commencing 6 March 2006
6.	Deadline for the response	22 March 2006

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