



Brighton & Hove
City Council

Overview & Scrutiny

Title:	Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date:	22 April 2009
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: Mrs Cobb (Chairman), Allen (Deputy Chairman), Alford, Barnett, Harmer-Strange, Kitcat, Rufus, Turton Co-optees: Jack Hazelgrove (Older People's Council) Robert Brown (Brighton & Hove LINK)
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82. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS **1 - 2**
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83. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING **3 - 8**
Draft minutes of the meeting held on 04 March 2009 (copy attached)

84. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

85. PUBLIC QUESTIONS
No public questions have been received.

86. WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS **9 - 10**
A letter has been received from Councillor Jason Kitcat:

Dear Chair of HOSC,

I have recently learnt of a number of small problems in the new Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital. While undoubtedly this new building is a fine and important addition to the city's health provision, these two issues do raise questions about the design of new NHS buildings.

In particular I have learnt that in patients' rooms the main light cannot be switched on or off, it is always on and there is in fact no switch at all. Nurses have resorted to putting pillow cases over the lights in an attempt to give the children some respite.

I also understand that the windows fitted cannot be opened due to health and safety concerns. Because the windows would open out fully - even on the highest floors - children could fall out through the windows. It would have been preferable to have a different design of window which would have allowed fresh air to circulate without putting children at risk.

Of course these are small matters in the context of the major facility the new children's hospital represents. However fresh air and a dark room for rest do play an important part in recuperation and healing.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to ask the Chief Executive of Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust to respond to the issues raised?

Furthermore would the Chair agree that a tour of the existing Royal Sussex

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County facilities to examine such issues as these, and signage as previously discussed at the Committee, would be helpful before the major '3T' redevelopment of the Royal Sussex County Hospital site progresses any further?

Yours sincerely,
Cllr Jason Kitcat

87. '3T' DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES AT THE ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL **11 - 36**

Report of the Acting Director of Strategy and Governance. Duane Passman, 3T Programme Director, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust, will give a presentation on this Item and the relevant slides are included with the papers (copy attached)

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88. SECTION 75 ARRANGEMENTS: AN OVERVIEW **37 - 48**

Report of the Director of Strategy and Governance (copy attached)

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89. CHIROPODY SERVICES **49 - 52**

Information supplied by NHS Brighton & Hove in response to a public question asked by Jack Hazelgrove, Older People's Council (copy attached).

Mr Hazelgrove's questions was: "Owing to the limited availability of chiropody services on the NHS, many older people are paying privately (often around £25) for treatment. Could NHS Brighton & Hove outline the current arrangements for provision of this service and any plans to increase the availability of treatment for older people. Could NHS Brighton & Hove also explain the criteria for 'rationing' the service and indicate any system of prioritisation for certain 'at risk' groups (e.g. diabetics)."

90. BRIGHTON & HOVE LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (LINK)- SIX MONTHLY UPDATE

(verbal update)

91. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE AD HOC PANEL EXAMINING THE BRIGHTON & HOVE GP LED HEALTH CENTRE

(verbal)

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92. HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (HOSC) WORK PROGRAMME 53 - 62

Update on the 2009-2010 Work Programme to include discussion of the NHS Brighton & Hove Annual Operating Plan 2009-2010 (copy attached)

93. FOR INFORMATION: LETTER SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH WITH REGARD TO THE ANNUAL GP SURVEY 63 - 64

(copy attached)

94. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO CABINET OR THE RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

To consider items to be submitted to the next available Cabinet or Cabinet Member meeting

95. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

To consider items to be submitted to the 30 April 2009 Council meeting for information

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