

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Community Wellbeing and Older Peoples Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Topic	Delayed Discharges	CWOP-SCR-14
Objective	To identify areas of system weakness that have led to a high incidence of delayed discharges and to consider what actions can be taken to minimise delays.	
Reasons for undertaking review	At request of a member of the Committee expressing concerns about the high rates of delayed discharges.	
Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial briefing to define scope • Task & Finish Group • Commission • Full Committee 	To commission from the Service, in conjunction with PCTs, a summary evaluation of the primary issues, strengths and weaknesses, effectiveness and risks associated with the discharge process having a particular focus on effectiveness/lessons learnt from the 2008/2009 'Winter Pressures'.	
Membership <i>Only complete if Task and Finish Group or Commission</i>	Councillor W Dick (Chairman) Councillor L Dangerfield Councillor M Garnett Councillor Mrs M Miller Councillor Mrs J Reeves Councillor Mrs M Webster	
Issues to be addressed	The scope of the evaluation to be defined by Members in conjunction with officers of the Service at the March Meeting of CWOP but may include the impact of the winter pressures not only upon delayed discharges but also Social Care Direct, hospitals and reablement.	

Sources of Evidence and witnesses	Officers Primary Care Trusts Hospital Trusts Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) Patients		
Work Programme			
Indicators of Success	Reduction in the rate of delayed discharges.		
Meeting the CfPS Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i> • <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i> • <i>Own the scrutiny process</i> • <i>Impact on service delivery</i> 	Reflect public voice and concerns.		
Diversity and Equality <i>Diversity and Equality issues are to be considered and addressed.</i>			
Date agreed by Committee	9 th April 2009		
Future Action			
Governance Officer	Robert Fox	Committee Officer	Graham Hughes
Service Lead Officer(s)			