

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**AFWAGP/01/10**

**Committee:** South & West Area Forum Access to GP Services

**Date:** 22 June 2010

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**DRAFT Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document**

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The Task and Finish Group are invited to consider the Draft Scoping Document for the review.

**Policy and Scrutiny  
Scoping Document**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>South &amp; West Area Forum Access to GP Services</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	Reviewing the equity of access to GP services within the Brentwood, Basildon & Rochford Areas	Ref::WAF-SCR-02 File Ref:
<b>Objective</b>	To review the provision of GP Services within the specified areas to identify whether there is equity of access to GPs across the areas of NHS South East & South West Essex	
<b>Reasons for undertaking review</b>	Concerns had been expressed in meetings of the South & West Area Forums about the deliverability of proposed investment in GP services within the NHS five year strategy documents, with the need for this review being identified by HOSC following its February 2010 workshop attended by the PCT Chairmen and Chief Executives.	
<b>Topic suggested by</b>	The Essex Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Method</b> Initial briefing to define scope Task & Finish Group Group Commission Full Committee	Joint Task & Finish Group drawn from both the South and West Area Forums.	
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Essex County Councillors  Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Webster (Chairman) Cllr David Kendal  Cllr Mrs Sandra Hillier Cllr Roy Pearson  Essex County Councillor HOSC Representative  Cllr John Baugh  Borough and District Councillors  Cllr Tony Archer, Basildon District Council  Vacancy, Brentwood Borough Council  Vacancy, Rochford District Council  Parish Councillors  Vacancy, Parish Council  Vacancy, Parish Council  Vacancy, Parish Council</p>	
<b>Issues to be addressed</b>	<p>The Patient:GP ratio  D/E accessibility  Issues arising from the patient survey  ‘Cross border’ provision  Contingency planning for single practise GPs  24/7 provision and the impact of avoidable A&amp;E referrals/self presentation</p>	

<b>Sources of Evidence and witnesses</b>	NHS South East and South West Essex Stakeholders - to be identified		
<b>Work Programme</b>	22 June 2010          Scoping meeting 22 July 2010 PCT Background information & stakeholder identification August 2010 Contact with stakeholders Sept 2010    One or two witness sessions Oct 2010    Provision of any additional information from PCTs, development of findings and recommendations Nov 2010    Consideration of draft report Jan 2010    Report presented to South & west Area Forums Feb 2011    Report presented to HOSC		
<b>Indicators of Success</b>	Public concern over equality of access to GP across the Forum areas if reassured or recommendations developed to rectify that concern		
<b>Meeting the CfPS Objectives</b> Critical Friend Challenge to Executive Reflect Public voice and concerns Own the scrutiny process Impact on service delivery	Holding the NHS to local democratic account Yes  Yes Yes		
<b>Diversity and Equality</b>	The review will focus on D&E issues		
<b>Date agreed by Committee</b>			
<b>Future Action</b>			
<b>Area Co-ordinator</b>	Yvette Wetton	<b>Committee Officer</b>	Vivien Door
<b>Service Lead Officer(s)</b>	To be inserted		