

Item No. 5	Classification: OPEN	Date: 4 December 2006	MEETING NAME Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Report title:		New notifications of potential changes to health services with potential impact for Southwark [October-December 2006]	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards [Southwark]	
From:		Scrutiny Project Manager	

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the sub-committee

2. Notes South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust's proposals to reconfigure Lambeth nursing homes [Appendix A], and takes a view as to whether to request further information to establish the impact on Southwark residents at 210 Knight's Hill or undertake further formal review;
3. Notes Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust proposals for changes to oncology and cardiothoracic wards at Guy's Hospital, and considers whether to request further information or submit comments to the trust [Appendix B];
4. Notes further update received on the Southwark/Lambeth Statutory Joint Health Scrutiny Committee from the Department of Health's Recovery Team [anticipated verbal update];
5. Notes information received about plans for Local Involvement Networks [Appendix C].
6. **South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust's proposals to reconfigure Lambeth nursing homes [Appendix A]**
7. Information has been provided regarding a proposal by SLAM to merge two NHS nursing homes in Lambeth which currently provide continuing care to older people with mental health problems. SLAM proposes to close a 24-bed care home at 210 Knight's Hill and transfer a number of residents to Greenvale Nursing Home in Kennington and the remainder to vacant beds elsewhere within SLAM's provision.
8. Southwark members are being consulted because although the majority of residents affected are from Lambeth there are seven ex-residents of Southwark currently receiving care at 210 Knight's Hill who would be affected if the proposal goes ahead. Members will need to decide the extent of sub-committee

involvement in SLAM's consultation on the proposals, after deciding whether this matter is "substantial" enough to indicate involvement in a joint scrutiny of the proposals with Lambeth, the other borough with an interest in this change.

9. Following closure of Becket House [Southwark] last year there are 30 continuing care places provided in Southwark. Provision in Lambeth is currently 84 beds and proposals will reduce overall nursing care places to 60 in Lambeth. Lewisham will have 44 places by June 2007.
10. **Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust – reconfiguration of oncology and cardiothoracic ward areas [Appendix B]**
11. Information is attached notifying members of changes now in place to oncology and cardiothoracic ward areas at Guy's Hospital. The proposals have been introduced in response to changes in service delivery and best treatment practice. The trust advises that overall patient activity and numbers treated will not be reduced by this change.
12. Although this represents a change in the way services are delivered GSTFT does not consider the proposals to be substantial and requiring formal consultation.
13. **General guidance on deciding the extent of sub-committee involvement in NHS trust consultation on proposals**
14. The Local Authority [Overview & Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions] Regulations 2002 require NHS bodies [other than NHS foundation trusts] that are considering proposals for substantial developments or variations in health services in the area of the local authority to consult with the health OSC of that authority about the proposals [Health & Social Care Act 2001, Section 7]. This requirement is in addition to the duty under Section 11 of the Health & Social Care Act 2001 to involve and consult patients and the public.
15. Local Overview & Scrutiny Committees are official consultees for the NHS where potential "substantial developments" and "substantial variations" in service are proposed.
16. No local or national definition of "substantial" exists in directions or guidance. In reaching a local view Members might consider factors including:
 - Changes to the accessibility of a service;
 - The impact of any changes on the wider community and other services – whether changes to the NHS service would necessitate changes to other services;
 - Patient population affected – changes to services to smaller numbers of patients may still be regarded as substantial if patients need for the service will continue into the long-term;
 - Changes to the method of service delivery;
 - Whether the issue is likely to be considered controversial to local people;

- Governance changes affecting an NHS body's relationships with scrutiny or with the public.
17. If, having considered a trust's rationale, alternatives and explanation of how proposals are expected to impact on service delivery, the Sub-Committee feels that the proposals represent a "substantial" change for Southwark's patients, carers and current/potential service users, it should respond accordingly, setting out its concerns. The Sub-Committee may request further information to satisfy itself in respect of its concerns.
 18. Once formal consultation is announced, a minimum 12 week formal consultation period begins. It is within this period that Southwark health OSC must respond to a trust's consultation *if it has previously agreed the matter to be substantial*.
 19. Following the end of the consultation period, a trust would then take a decision on its proposals. Southwark's health OSC would consider the decision and the adequacy of a trust's Section 11 and 7 consultation and decide whether to accept this decision, hold further discussions or refer the matter to the Secretary of State.
 20. If however members *do not* consider the proposals substantial for Southwark, no further action is required. Members may however wish to monitor whether the closure impacts negatively on future service delivery in Southwark by inviting the Trust to give account at scrutiny following implementation of the proposals.
- 21. Resource implications**
22. There are no specific resource implications of this report.
- 23. Equalities implications**
24. There are no specific equalities implications raised by this report.

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
Chief Officers	No	No
Executive Member	No	No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents are attached in support of this item:

Appendix (A) Correspondence from David Norman, SLAM Service Director [Mental Health of Older Adults], *Proposal for the merger of 210 Knight's Hill, West Norwood and Greenvale Nursing Homes, Streatham*, November 13 2006;

Appendix (B) Briefing paper from Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust - *reconfiguration of oncology and cardiothoracic ward areas*, October 2006;

Appendix (C) Correspondence from the Right Honourable Rosie Winterton M.P. - *establishment of Local Involvement Networks [LINKs]*, November 9 2006.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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