

**HIGHLIGHTS OF INTEGRATED GOVERNANCE AND  
PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
11 JUNE 2008**

1 Sustainability

During discussion of the Corporate Risk Register, responsibilities for sustainability planning were reassigned to strengthen the local action needed. A local group is now meeting to produce a detailed action plan for the PCT

2 Final report from Internal Audit on Clinical Governance

The audit had found significant assurance for two control objectives and full assurance for the third objective.

Main areas of work in the recommended action plan would be the preparation of an updated Clinical Governance Strategy and revision of the Complaints Procedure. One of the action plan recommendations on inclusion of complaints issues on the risk register had been rejected by the PCT due to confidentiality issues and Internal Audit had accepted this.

3 Performance Report May 2008

Three areas were highlighted:

Access to a primary care practitioner

Performance was subject to detailed analysis and remedial action. The introduction of new practices would help the situation.

Access to reproductive health services

Chlamydia screening was still an issue although performance in Birmingham was good in comparison to other PCTs. The definition of the target would be changing in 2008/09 to enable screens in GP practices to be included so much better numbers were expected in future.

Number of drug misusers in treatment

The target for 2007/08 had just been missed by a small margin. Details of the revised target for 2008/09 were awaited.

The target for MRSA infections had now been changed by the SHA and this would be reflected in future reporting

The PCT had now reached the target for smoking cessation in 2007/08. It should be possible to change the trajectory for this indicator in 2008/09 to reflect that most of the activity took place at the end of the year.

The second half of the report included the details of the new performance scorecard for 2008/09. Healthcare Commission and Vital Signs indicators were included, and graphs would be developed to show trends and comparison with the previous year. The performance monitoring system in 2008/09 was being

discussed with members of the Performance and Planning Group to ensure accurate and responsible reporting.

The Performance Accelerator had been acquired by the PCT and demonstrated recently. It was expected that the first systems to be put on to it would be SfBH, Vital Signs and Information Governance.

5 Quarterly report from the Patient and Public Involvement Committee

The PPI Group were giving some thought to the possibility of establishing ongoing dialogue with community groups, rather than just communication when consultation was needed on a new initiative. The report also included a description of the 'Thank you' scheme for staff

6 Project Gateway reviews

10 reviews had taken place in the last quarter and the Integrated Governance and Performance Committee had queries about several projects. They also commented on the Gateway process and noted that a review of how it worked was currently taking place. The review might involve re-christening of the process as there is some confusion about the multiple uses of the 'Gateway' term in the NHS and local services.

7 OJEU procurements update  
Staff opinion survey

The Integrated Governance and Performance Committee discussed both these items and both are due to be considered by the Board in private session.

8 Policy for NHS pick up of company sponsored trials and treatments

The existing policy had now been updated to reflect the West Midlands wide policy with regard to pick up of funding after clinical trials and treatments. It was approved by the Committee.

9 Progress with Healthcare Acquired Infection (HCAI) targets

A more rigorous approach had been recently introduced. A draft Health Economy plan and data set for HCAI had been developed and the Joint Commissioning Infection Prevention Committee were monitoring in detail. The Clinical Quality and Safety Group would also be involved.

10 Next meeting

Wednesday 16 July 2008.