

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**6 MARCH 2006**

**OUT OF HOURS SERVICES REVIEW: DRAFT TERMS OF  
REFERENCE**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To present the DRAFT terms of reference to the Panel for consideration and approval to govern the Panel's investigation into Out of Hours services.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Panel considers the DRAFT terms of reference and following any amendments felt necessary, approves the DRAFT terms of reference.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT**

3. Members will recall that in the work programme of the Health Scrutiny Panel, the next subject to be reviewed is the Out of Hours service. To conduct this review, the following is suggested as the DRAFT terms of reference.
4. To investigate the effectiveness of the current out of hours service.

Specifically

- 4.1 To investigate how the service is provided and managed.
- 4.2 To investigate how the service is performance managed and lessons learnt implemented.
- 4.3 To establish how the service is performing against local or national targets and/or standards.
- 4.4 To investigate the views of stakeholders in relation to the service
- 4.5 To investigate whether there are any improvements that can be made to the service.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

5. No background papers were used in the production of this report.

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