

## **Agenda Item 4**

**TO:** West Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust Board

**FROM:** Liz Boait, PCT Chair

**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**SUBJECT: CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **1.0 AGM AND ANNUAL REPORT**

1.1 The Annual report for West Gloucestershire PCT 2005-6 is on the agenda and will be widely available at the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> September. I must thank Anthony Dallimore and the team that put the report together as it reflects on the excellent achievements that the staff of the PCT and our partners have delivered for the benefit of patients. A colour version is available on the website.

1.2 The AGM will take place at the Al Ashraf Cultural Centre, Stratton Road (off Barton Street), Gloucester at 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> September and board members will hope to see many staff and members of the public as we report back over the last year. This is also an opportunity to celebrate the long service of members of staff who have dedicated 20 and 30 years to the NHS through the awards ceremony at the start of the evening.

### **2.0 GLOUCESTERSHIRE PCT**

2.1 Our congratulations to the new chair for Gloucestershire PCT, Ruth FitzJohn, were sent and recorded when the announcement was made last month. As chair of the Cheltenham and Tewksbury PCT, Ruth has worked closely with all the three PCTs in the county through their short lifetime and this link is truly welcomed as it offers consistency into the new organisation. Ruth brings a wealth of experience but more importantly an understanding of the agenda for healthcare locally. Ruth has already spent a day in West Gloucestershire, visiting just some of the PCT teams and been shown around the recently expanded Eastgate Dental Centre in Gloucester, and the two community hospitals. Ruth took time to talk with, managers, staff and patients.

### **3.0 COMMUNITY CHANGE**

3.1 One of the first duties for the new chair was to host a meeting when Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State for Health, visited Gloucestershire.

- 3.2 Patricia Hewitt and Sir Ian Carruthers were in the county to hear the views of representatives of a number of local groups as a part of the consultation exercise for community change. Sir Ian has also more recently visited the Forest of Dean and has consequently ensured that SHA resources are provided to develop the potential for a Social Enterprise Trust that could assume the provider role for local healthcare services. Our non-executive team have enthusiastically supported the principle and Fred Simpson, vice-chair, has been in contact with the local team.
- 3.3 The community change steering group consisting of all chairs and chief executives of the six health organisations and the county council continues to meet through this transition period. Its role is to monitor progress towards identifying the savings and performance to date is important. By all organisations working together in this way, Gloucestershire can present a coherent approach.

#### **4.0 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RESIGNATION**

- 4.1 As Board members will be aware Mike Theelke has decided to resign and he leaves at the end of September.
- 4.2 There will be another opportunity to thank him for his major contribution to health in Gloucestershire over the years and to wish him well for the future.

#### **5.0 FAREWELL AND THANKS**

- 5.1 And finally, as this is the last formal board meeting of the West Gloucestershire PCT, I should like to thank all board members and directors past and present, and through Mike, send my thanks to all clinicians who have contributed to the work of the PCT since it was established in 2002.
- 5.2 Thank you all for your time and commitment, but more importantly your care and concern for the work that we have undertaken together as one team (board, PEC and all staff together).
- 5.3 We set out to make a difference; to improve the health of the local population and we have made great strides in this direction, which are now to be continued by our successor PCT.