

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

**FROM:** Dr Mike Roberts, PEC Chair

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006

**SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PEC) CHAIR'S REPORT**

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform the Board of the activities of the Professional Executive Committee (PEC) since the last Board meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

## **2.0 FEEDBACK FROM PEC MEETINGS**

- 2.1 A major item on the agenda of the PEC meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006 was the Health Visiting Service Review. Over the last few months a Health Visitor, who was recruited to act as a Project Researcher, has met with Health Visitor representatives from each patch to provide the opportunity for engagement in the review process. The review, which was stimulated by national policy documents for example "Every Child Matters" and the Children's NSF, looked at opportunities for different ways of partnership, multi-agency and corporate working and looked at how health visitors and professionals could focus on intervention and prevention. Six options were put forward for consideration. The outcome of discussions at the PEC was to explore further the option for a needs based model which introduces the role of a Public Practitioner who would oversee the management of new teams. The model will now be tested more widely, particularly with GPs and staffing and resource implications will be examined.

The county Children's Services lead, Simon Bilous, from Cotswold & Vale PCT, joined the discussion for an update on relevant issues and activities relating to Children's Services within the PCT.

- 2.2 As Board members will be aware, the Clinical Strategy developed by the PEC is now acting as a guide for PCT planning processes, for example going into the Local Delivery Plan round for 2006/07. We received an update at the PEC meeting on the implementation of the strategy. There is a lot of activity in the three areas of chronic disease management (long term conditions), unscheduled or urgent care and outpatients and diagnostics.
- 2.3 The PEC received a Business Case for the development of the Cardiothoracic services at the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust and North Bristol NHS Trust. The outline Business Case was approved by the PCT Board in April 2005. It forms part of a long term plan for the modernisation of adult cardiothoracic services in Bristol. There is no significant financial impact for the PCT. Those patients who receive cardiothoracic services from the Bristol Trusts in the future, which is a reducing number due to an increasing number of angioplasties being carried out locally, will receive a high standard of the specialist services. The PEC supported the proposal.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 The Board are asked to note the contents of the report.