

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

**FROM:** Liz Boait, PCT Chair

**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005

**SUBJECT: CHAIR'S REPORT**

## **1.0 ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING**

- 1.1 The Strategic Health Authority review of the PCT's performance in 2004/05 was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. I attended a meeting with Anthea Millett, Chair and Trevor Jones, Chief Executive, along with Stephen Golledge and Mike Roberts. A constructive discussion took place covering the aspects of our progress in delivering healthcare services during the year. Understandably financial performance in 2004/05 was a focus for much of the discussion but there was recognition of the successes of the PCT including achieving all targets with the exception of finance and gaining 3 star status. A letter will be received from the SHA in due course, which will be incorporated in our public board papers at the appropriate time.
- 1.2 I have received a letter from the Secretary of State Patricia Hewitt to inform me of her concern that organisations such as ours face serious financial challenges. She is seeking the Boards help in challenging the organisation to improve its financial management and an invitation from her to receive a copy of our plans.

## **2.0 MEETINGS WITH CHAIRS AND NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF PARTNER NHS ORGANISATIONS**

- 2.1 Collaboration with the Chairs and Non-Executive Directors of our partner NHS organisations in Gloucestershire has been continuing. Recent meetings have included a Gloucestershire Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust/PCT Non-Executive Director meeting which arrived at an agreed set of shared priorities and ambition to see closer working arrangements.
- 2.2 A Chairs and Chief Executive workshop for the health organisations within the county gave some consideration of the options for possible PCT reconfiguration in Gloucestershire and then met with Anthea Millett and Trevor Jones to expand the discussion. This work is ongoing.

## **3.0 APPOINTMENT TO NHS EMPLOYERS**

- 3.1 Stephen has recently been appointed to the NHS Employers 'GMS Core Negotiating Team' as a lead PCT Chief Executive. I agreed to this as a contribution by West Gloucestershire to the wider NHS developments. This time commitment will be 2 days per month and will be fully reimbursed.

## **4.0 DENTAL ACCESS**

- 4.1 It is encouraging to see the increase in dental capacity for our patients, with the Eastgate Street Dental Centre in Gloucester registering over 8,000 patients since the middle of May. Further details of progress on increasing dental access for our patients is contained in the Chief Executive's report.

## **5.0 NHS CONFEDERATION**

- 5.1 The highlights of the recent NHS Confederation Conference held in Birmingham were the contributions from Nigel Crisp, Chief Executive of the NHS and Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State. Stephen and I attended for one day in an attempt to constrain our expenses.

## **6.0 PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

- 6.1 Thanks to Anny Reid who has taken the lead in PPI for the board together with Jan Marriott. Regular meetings for lay representation on patch teams have been established and an update session for all patch team members will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## **7.0 MPS BRIEFING**

- 7.1 The Chairs and Chief Executives of Gloucestershire health organisations regularly brief the county's MPs on current issues. All 3 MPs for West Gloucestershire attended the recent meeting and topics discussed included financial positions, organisational change and dentistry.