

TO: West Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust Board

FROM: Dr Mike Roberts, PEC Chair

DATE: 20th November 2003

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

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform the Board of the activities of the PEC since the previous Board meeting held on 18th September 2003.

2.0 FEEDBACK FROM PEC MEETINGS

2.1 The Professional Executive Committee has met on two occasions (2nd October and 6th November 2003) since the last meeting of the Board. The PEC continues to receive reports for information purposes and also takes reports for discussion during the latter part of the meetings. The Committee also continues to receive regular reports on performance and finance issues, which are subsequently updated and presented to the Board.

2.2 The following reports have been received by the PEC for information:

- Continuing Health Care Eligibility Criteria and Ombudsman's Retrospective Review – members received an update on the implementation of the Avon Gloucestershire and Wiltshire NHS Continuing Care Eligibility Criteria and the retrospective review process
- Great Western Court – a report on proposals for the future use of Great Western Court was received by the PEC. The report had previously been presented to the County Council Cabinet on 1st October 2003
- Evaluation Report on Primary Health Care Team attached staff – earlier in the year the PEC had received a report on the primary health care team attached social care staff pilot. Members had requested that a follow-up report be produced to consider evidence about the efficacy of the pilot scheme. A detailed analysis of the pilot evaluation findings was produced and a summary of this was presented to PEC members
- Services for Adults with Physical Disabilities – a paper outlining the proposed approach for developing a service for adults with a physical disability in Gloucestershire was presented to members. Members supported the proposal to develop a county wide Local Implementation Team to address the emerging NSF for people with long term conditions
- Resource Allocation Group Update - members received an update from the Resource Allocation Group and further details on this are contained within the Finance Report

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- Proposals for a Financial Framework for PMS Pilots within the PCT – this report detailed proposals which are intended to ensure that practices continue to be funded through PMS at an appropriate level. The guidelines would be kept under review pending the imminent implementation of the new GMS contract in order to ensure that PMS practices are not financially advantaged/disadvantaged to any significant degree
- Clinical Governance Update – members received a report outlining progress with clinical governance and a full report to the Board will be presented at this meeting
- Proposed Voucher Scheme for Nicotine Replacement Therapy – proposals to introduce a pilot voucher scheme were outlined. The PEC gave its approval in principle to the scheme subject to reviewing the associated finances

2.3 The Committee have received a number of reports for discussion. These have included the Performance and Finance Reports and other reports discussed were as follows:

- Health Needs Assessment: Barton, Tredworth & White City – a detailed report outlining the findings and recommendations from the Health Needs Assessment was discussed with members. It was agreed to identify the relevant Primary Care Development Manager and Local Planning Groups for each identified issue and that an Action Plan would be produced for further discussion by the PEC. This will subsequently be presented to the Board for approval
- Substance Misuse Services – members discussed a report in relation to the impact of the new GMS contract on the proposed service developments for substance misuse services in primary care. Two proposals were identified in the report and members agreed to the appointment of four short term GPwSI on contracts using the same terms of reference and funding structure as the enhanced service framework to pilot the structure in preparation for April 2004. This would be funded from the DAAT allocation that is available this year
- Proposal to employ a second salaried GP based at Trinity Surgery – proposals to employ a second salaried GP based at Trinity Surgery and to cease the PCT locum service was discussed by members. Members were supportive of the need for additional GP time at Trinity; however it was agreed that funding streams need to be examined in more detail and that the various component parts of the proposed post should also be reviewed before any decision to proceed could be made
- Violence against GPs and their staff – West Gloucestershire PCT has been working on behalf of the county to deliver a countywide solution to ensure that all GPs have access to a secure facility for the treatment of potentially violent patients. The proposal to provide a secure facility at the Vaughan Day Centre in Gloucester was discussed by members. In particular members discussed the identification of patients as “potentially violent” and the allocation of such patients back into normal GMS services. It was agreed that this area required further consideration

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

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