



Programme Director's Report: Activities in November 2003

Tabled at Steering Group 5 December 2003

General

- All review groups know their reporting dates for both Reference Groups and Steering Board.
- CSR and Improving Hospitals Partnership (IHP) have increased collaboration by CSR Project Team involvement in IHP project team meetings and workstreams.

Dermatology

- The Review report is finished.
- During November the Report was presented to a group of GP representatives and at a public meeting. The report was well received. The feedback complements the review group's thinking and will not involve major changes to the report.
- The Report will go to the Public and Clinical Reference Groups next week for discussion 15 and 22 December, respectively.

Maternity/Gynaecology

- Group membership has been agreed and an initial meeting arranged for 12 December.
- Discussions are on-going in terms of how a review of Maternity Services links to the Children's Review.

Children's

- Covered under item 7 on the agenda.

Stroke

- The review group has designed an integrated stroke service which is whole system based.
- Ian Philp, the Older Peoples Tsar / National Lead, heard our likely recommendations on stroke care at a recent SHA meeting. We will incorporate Ian's feedback into the final Report.
- The Group continue to work closely with those involved in the Whole System Review and All Saint's Hospital closure Programme.

ENT

- A questionnaire (using the Audit Commission template for the 2002 national ENT survey) has been sent to over 700 recent ENT patients, across the two hospital sites. Approximately half the target audience are under 16. Return date for the questionnaire is 12 December.

Emergency Care

- The Sub-Groups are now meeting and making progress with the review process.
- The Service and Patient Pathway Sub-Group have been very active and are working closely with Out of Hours Pilot and the Emergency Care Collaborative Project.
- We are mapping the patient pathway.

Falls

- A public and staff event took place on 19 November, attended by 80 people. Emerging issues are:
 - Better communication between primary and secondary care, social services and the voluntary sector
 - The need for a single assessment process
 - The need for a "Falls Information Directory" for use by patients, carers and professionals
 - There must be equity of provision across the county
 - Need for on-going educational programmes in the prevention and management of falls
 - Need for a "Falls Register"
 - Resources should be targeted into prevention

Diabetes (merged with East Sussex Diabetes Network)

- Held first meeting on 7 November
- Complex review, so Review Group has set up a Sub-Group structure
- Events planned for 2004:
 - 6 January 2004 with Sue Robertson, Diabetes Tsar
 - 10 February 2004 Open Event (proposed target audience 100 people)