

Report to: **East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)**

Date: **10 October 2007**

By: **Director of Law and Personnel**

Title of report: **Fit for the Future – additional proposals**

Purpose of report: **To make HOSC aware of two further proposals received by the East Sussex PCTs in relation to the Fit for the Future consultation.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

HOSC is recommended to:

- 1. Note the additional proposals (options 12 and 13) and the recommendations of the Chair of the New Options Assessment Panel (appendices 1-3).**
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1. Additional proposals

1.1 On 21 September 2007 HOSC received details of a range of additional proposals submitted to the PCTs in response to the Fit for the Future consultation, together with the report of the Chair of New Options Assessment Panel which considered these proposals. It was noted that the Panel recommended that all the proposals, with the exception of those termed options 8 and 9 (the Barnstaple and North Lincolnshire models mentioned to HOSC by the Maternity Services Liaison Committee representatives) should go forward for a further detailed appraisal.

1.2 Since the close of the public consultation period the PCTs have received two further proposals. One is a further proposal from the Maternity Services Liaison Committee (appendix 1) and another is a report from Dr Keith Brent (appendix 2). Both proposals are based on devising alternative staffing patterns across two obstetric units.

1.3 The PCTs asked the Chair of the New Options Assessment Panel to review these latest proposals and his response is attached at appendix 3. In summary, he recommends that both go forward into a fuller appraisal by the PCT Boards.

2. Update on PCTs' process

2.1 The Boards of the two PCTs have recently held meetings at which they agreed to accept the recommendations of the Chair of the New Options Assessment Panel that all proposed options, with the exception of options 8 and 9 as noted above, go forward for full examination within their decision making process.

2.2 The PCTs' management team are in the process of compiling a range of detailed information about all the options which are being taken forward. This information will then be presented to the PCT Boards to inform their decision, which is currently expected to be taken during November.

3. Recommendation

- 4.1 HOSC is recommended to note the additional proposals (options 12 and 13) and the recommendations of the Chair of the New Options Assessment Panel (appendices 1-3).**

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