

ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO PORTSMOUTH HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST AT GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL JULY 2002

Background

The Action Plan attached details Fareham and Gosport and East Hampshire Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) response to the 22 recommendations contained in the investigation report produced by the Commission for Health Improvement (CHI). The report is structured in line with the template prescribed by CHI.

The process adopted to create the action plan adhered to the guidance produced by CHI to assist organisations to develop a robust and comprehensive response to recommendations. A one-day workshop was held on the 1st August 2002 involving 45 staff from across the two PCTs, but also included colleagues from Social Services and the voluntary sector. The relatives of patients involved in this investigation were made aware of the workshop process by the Chair and Chief Executive of Fareham and Gosport PCT. The workshop provided the opportunity to action plan against each of the recommendations. Subsequent refinement of the actions identified has resulted in the Plan outlined below.

Scope of Action Plan

The Plan details the action required by Fareham & Gosport PCT, as well as those actions requiring a joint response with East Hampshire PCT, to address the recommendations outlined by CHI.

For each of the actions identified a timescale for implementation has been stated. It is implicit that there is a commitment in each PCT to achieving the implementation of these actions within the timescales agreed.

Monitoring arrangements

It has been agreed that a pan PCT (Fareham & Gosport and East Hampshire) Implementation Group will be responsible for overseeing and reviewing implementation of the Action Plan. The Group will comprise the accountable officers identified in the Action Plan and a representative of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority and a Non Executive Director of Fareham & Gosport PCT.

The purpose of the Implementation Group is to ensure that:

- the Action Plan is implemented to the agreed timescale
- a system is in place to audit delivery
- appropriate remedial action is taken where necessary.

The Group will be accountable to the Boards of Fareham and Gosport and East Hampshire PCTs and regular progress reports will be submitted. The Implementation Group will also report to the Strategic Health Authority (via the Medical Director/Public Health Director).

It is also incumbent on the Implementation Group to ensure that action plans and the opportunities for shared learning across the local health economy (Portsmouth and South East Hampshire) are maximised.