

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	PUBLIC AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROVISION TO SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL		
DATE OF DECISION:	28 February 2013		
REPORT OF:	SENIOR MANAGER, COMMUNITIES, CHANGE AND PARTNERSHIPS		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None.			

BRIEF SUMMARY

This paper provides details of who will attend the Panel to provide evidence in relation to the Public and Sustainable Transport Provision to Southampton General Hospital review and a summary of a meeting with the University Hospital of Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The panel receives evidence from stakeholders in relation to public and sustainable transport provision to Southampton General Hospital.
- (ii) The Panel agree to provide any written comments and thoughts on emerging recommendations to Caronwen Rees by 8 March.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Panel agreed to undertake a review into public and sustainable transport provision to Southampton general hospital.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The Panel agreed to hold an additional meeting on 28 February to gather evidence for the review of Public and Sustainable Transport Provision to Southampton General Hospital.
4. The following stakeholders have been invited to address the meeting and take questions:
 - Harry Dymond –Chairman, Southampton LINK
 - Anne Meader, Carers Together

- Michael Woodward - Joint Staff Side Chair/Unite UHS
- David Smith – Consultant Anaesthetist, & Maria Johnston – Radiographer Staff Reps UHS
- Anita Beer, Interim Deputy Director of Commercial Development and Sarah Jones, Assistant Project Manager, UHS
- Ian Taylor, Unilink Manager
- Paul Coyne, Operations Manager, Bluestar & Uni-link
- Chrissie Bainbridge, Service Delivery Director, First South Coast
- Simon Bell, Public Transport & Operations Manager and Dale Bostock Active Travel Officer, Southampton City Council

5. A background paper received from Harry Dymond is attached at appendix 1.

6. The Chair of the Panel recently met with Anita Beer and Sarah Jones from UHS. The key points raised during the meeting included:

- The Hospital has up to a total of 75000 staff, a number of these work shifts or are on call. In addition there are University employees and students who regularly have need to visit the SGH site. By the size and nature of the Hospital and its activities, the Trust is one of the major employers in Southampton, with staff demographics showing large local staffing levels, whilst also attracting a large proportion of staff from outside the city from many locations around the whole of the UK.
- In the region of 6000 patients are seen at the hospital each year. The demographics of patients are local, nationwide and international due to the complex mix of acute, trauma centre and specialist healthcare services that UHS provides. Visiting times are generally the same for all wards. There is limited information available regarding how patients and visitors travel to the hospital.
- In 2009 the trust had significant problems with parking on the site. They developed a Transport Strategy to resolve the issues. A consultation group was established to take the changes forward and this included staff representatives. A summary of achievements since that time is available at appendix 2. The travel plan is currently being updated and the new version will be launched in the next couple of months.
- UHS formed part of the Transport for South Hampshire bid for the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. A copy of their bid paper is at appendix 3. The funding that has been received will be used to improve cycling facilities.
- By engaging in closer working links with various commercial bus providers since 2010 through direct bus company contact and the Travel Planners Forums, the Trust has worked to influence, where possible, bus timetabling and better information sharing to enable more staff and patients to be aware of all their bus travelling options to and from work.
- The companies are regularly invited to the Trust "Bus Week" held on

average every 6 months, to directly engage with staff regarding their travel enquiries, such as timetabling, route or smart card advice.

- UHS also funds, manages and runs its own small fleet of mini-buses and vans, some of which provide dedicated cross-site working staff with easy accessible transport between hospital sites such as the Royal South Hants' and Southampton General Hospital, which reduces single car on site parking requirements and local traffic congestion and emissions.
 - Information about the patient transport service, parking changes and the NHS Healthcare Travel costs scheme are at appendix 4 – 6 respectively.
 - The trust is working on the development of the site to meet its 2020 vision. Currently planned developments include house providing accommodation for families of paediatric inpatients. Discussions regarding future parking demand and provision are underway. A site map is at appendix 7.
7. Members agreed previously that the report of the review would be presented to the panel for agreement at their meeting on x March 2013. Given the short timescales involved members are asked provide any written comments and thoughts on emerging recommendations to Caronwen Rees by 8 March 2013.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

9. None.

Property/Other

10. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

11. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

12. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

13. None

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Southampton LINK – Transport Issues Paper
2.	Summary of Transport Strategy Achievements

3.	Local Sustainable Transport Fund Bid Information
4.	Patient Transport Services
5.	Parking Charges Information
6.	NHS Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme
7.	General Hospital Site Map

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	N/A	
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