

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	PATIENT SAFETY IN ACUTE CARE INQUIRY
DATE OF DECISION:	4 JULY 2011
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF SCRUTINY PANEL B
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

From July 2010 to April 2011 Scrutiny Panel B undertook an Inquiry looking at Patient Safety in Acute Care. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) considered the final draft of the Inquiry report on 2nd June 2011 and approved it for submission to the Executive. The Scrutiny Inquiry report contains 10 recommendations which are summarised on page 11 of the report. The recommendations are directed towards the relevant Health and Social Care organisations in the City including the City Council, Southampton University Hospital Trust, NHS Southampton. The Cabinet needs to formally respond to the relevant recommendations within two months to meet the requirements in the Council's constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To receive the report of Scrutiny Panel B on Patient Safety in Acute Care;
- (ii) To develop a formal response to the relevant recommendations contained within the report, including an action plan detailing how the Executive proposes to take forward any accepted recommendations.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The overview and scrutiny procedure rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, and to submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them within two months of their receipt.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Panel B undertook the Patient Safety in Acute Care Inquiry over 3 evidence gathering meetings between July and September 2010 and agreed, at a meeting on 21th April 2011, 10 recommendations contained within the Inquiry report attached at Appendix 1.
4. In undertaking the Inquiry the Panel received evidence from Southampton University Hospitals Trust, NHS Southampton and the Council. A summary of the meetings is including in appendix 2 of the attached report.
5. Given the topic of the Inquiry the report's recommendations are directed

towards health and social care provider and commissioning organisations across the City, The report will be sent to all relevant organisations for information and response.

6. The Executive needs to consider the Scrutiny Panel’s relevant recommendations and to formally respond within two months of the date of receiving this report in order to meet the requirements set out in the Council’s constitution. A composite report detailing the response from the Executive and each of the agencies who have recommendations directed towards them in the Inquiry Report will be brought back to Cabinet in due course.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

7. The majority of the recommendations from this inquiry do not have any significant additional financial implications on the Council and its partners. Where there are costs associated with recommendations it is predicted that they would result in savings that could be used to fund them, however in some case further research is recommended to confirm this is the case. The Panel believe that the majority of recommendations within the report could be progressed by re-focussing council officer and partner’s time and existing work programmes.
8. In practice any future resource implications arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each of the individual recommendations within the Inquiry report are progressed by the Executive and the partners they are directed towards. More detailed work will need to be undertaken by the Executive in considering its response to each of the relevant recommendations set out in the Inquiry report.

Property/Other

9. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

10. 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:

11. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. None.

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KEY DECISION? No **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:** None

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Patient Safety in Acute Care – Final Report
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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Integrated Impact Assessment

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

Integrated 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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