

**Committee: Community Affairs Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of meeting: 16 June 2009**

<b>Subject:</b>	Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee – Update from district representative, Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Head of Corporate Policy and Partnerships [Performance and Partnerships Manager] Appendix A prepared by Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Social Affairs – Councillor Barbara Cowin
<b>Link to Council Priorities:</b>	P4 – Work in partnership with others to continue to make Elmbridge a safe and healthy place to live, work and visit
<b>Exempt information:</b>	None
<b>Delegated status:</b>	For discussion

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

For the period 2006/07 – 2008/09, Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon has been co-opted as a district representative on the Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee. Attached is an update report prepared by Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon on work that has been carried out by the Committee over the last year.

### **REPORT:**

1. For the period 2006/07 - 2008/09, Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon has been co-opted as a district representative on the Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee.
2. For the previous two years, Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon provided an update to this Committee on the work of the Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee.
3. Attached at Appendix A is an update prepared by Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon regarding the work that has been carried out by the Committee during 2008/09.
4. Unfortunately Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon is unable to be present at this meeting of the Committee. However it is proposed that, in light of the attached update, the Committee identify any specific issues that they would like to follow up with her/ in some other way at a future Committee meeting.
5. Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon's appointment to the Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee concluded at the end of 2008/09. This Committee may also wish to give consideration as to how it engages with health-related issues affecting Elmbridge on an on-going basis.

### **Financial Implications:**

Overview and scrutiny committees have to give regard to the resources available to support their work and the need to deploy them in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

**Environmental/Sustainability Implications:**

Overview and scrutiny committees have the ability to consider any matters that affect the local authority, its area or the inhabitants of that area, including environmental and sustainability issues.

**Legal Implications:**

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2001, local authorities in England were given specific rights to scrutinise health issues, including the NHS. This includes provision for representatives of local NHS bodies to be required to attend and provide information to local authority scrutiny bodies. In two tier areas these powers lie with the County Council.

**Equality Implications:**

Overview and scrutiny committees have the ability to consider any matters that affect the local authority, its area or the inhabitants of that area, including equality issues.

**Risk Implications:**

None for the purposes of this report.

**Community Safety Implications:**

Overview and scrutiny committees have the ability to consider any matters that affect the local authority, its area or the inhabitants of that area, including community safety issues.

**Principal Consultees:**

None

**Background Papers:**

None

**Enclosures/Appendices:**

Appendix A – ‘Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee’ - Report prepared by Councillor Mrs Ruth Lyon

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**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

I was appointed to the Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee in August 2006 as one of three representatives from the Surrey District Councils. The two others this year were Councillor Dr Nicky Lee (Waverley) and Councillor Rosie Sharpley (Woking). There are 11 County Councillors on the Committee.

The Committee was established by the 2001 Health and Social Care Act to scrutinise the local health service and if necessary refer proposed changes to the Secretary of State for Health. In July the Committee agreed a programme of meetings in which to inform itself on new structures and developments in the Surrey Health Service to ensure that its scrutiny of the health service was independent and evidence based. All the members are determined to resist the contraction and diminution of services and are supportive of developing health services at the local level.

Derek Cunningham, Policy & Public Affairs Manager to the Health Scrutiny Committee produces a newsletter "Health Watch" which provides invaluable national health news items as well as providing internal briefings on health matters.

The Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee website [www.surrey.gov.uk/healthscrutiny](http://www.surrey.gov.uk/healthscrutiny) is the external face of health scrutiny in Surrey and provides comprehensive information about the Committee.

**Presentations/ discussion at Surrey County Council Health Scrutiny Committee meetings**

14 May 2008	Healthcare Acquired Infection update – Surrey PCT and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) – update on establishing LINKs in Surrey
19 June 2008	GP-led Healthcare Centres Learning Disability Projects Progress in establishing LINKs
31 July 2008	Review of Mental Health Services in Surrey and North East Hampshire
2 October 2008	Commissioning arrangements of the Surrey Primary Care Trust in Surrey, and in greater detail for Epsom and St. Helier NHS Trust. Audiology and Dentistry Progress on LINKs

- 20 November 2008 Mental Health Services in-patient proposals from Surrey PCT,  
Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Trust  
Healthcare Acquired Infection
- 8 January 2009 Review of Mental Health Services in Surrey and North East  
Hampshire
- 12 February 2009 Review of Palliative Care in East Surrey  
Review of Mental Health Services update  
GP-led Health Centre update  
Epsom & St. Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust Review  
update
- 26 March 2009 Commissioning an Inpatient Renal Service in Surrey  
Social Care Change Project  
Re-provision of services from Ethel Bailey Close and Oak Glade  
NHS Campus for People with Learning Disability
- 28 May 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Virus (Swine Flu)  
Guildford & Waverley Co-Design (Update on “temporary  
closure” of Cranleigh Village Hospital and Farnham Hospital  
in 2005)  
Podiatry Services in Surrey

**Ruth Lyon**  
**3 June 2009**