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To: Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 23 July 2010

Subject: Item 9. Forward Work Programme.

1. Background

(1) At the meeting on 14 May, colleagues from Primary Care Trusts had been invited to attend to answer questions on The Future of PCT Provider Services and the Use of Community Hospitals. However, they had received advice from the Department of Health stating that until there was clarity over the direction of Government policy on this topic, the attendance of NHS officers at the Committee should be postponed. The Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager was requested to liaise with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Political Group spokesmen and colleagues in the NHS with a view to scheduling an alternative time for them to meet with Members and answer questions on this topic.

(2) The meeting of 3 September 2010 has been agreed as the most appropriate time for The Future of PCT Provider Services and the Use of Community Hospitals to be considered.

(3) In order to allow this subject to be explored in depth, the Chairman has decided to postpone the subject of Accessing Mental Health Services, scheduled for the 3 September, until a later date.

2. Recommendations

(a) The Committee is asked to note this change to the Forward Work Programme.