

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	18 th November 2011	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Briefing - Referral to Treatment Times	
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Appendix 1 : Briefing - Referral to Treatment Times Target		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To brief the Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on the national standards relating to Referral to Treatment Times and the local position against these standards.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel are asked to note:-

- 2.1 The improved local position in term of performance by our main local provider, the Royal United Hospital, Bath.
- 2.2 The range of further actions being taken to strengthen local performance.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this briefing report. Non-recurrent financial provision has been made during 2011-12 by NHS B&NES to clear the backlog of 18 weeks that was in place at the beginning of the year. Provision for 2012-13 and for maintaining performance will be covered as part of the PCT's activity and capacity planning process for next year's service plan.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 Annex 1 sets out a short briefing on national standards and current performance. Officers from both NHS B&NES and the RUH will be available at the meeting to answer further questions.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The issue of Referral to Treatment Times has been on the Health and Social Care Commissioning team's and NHS B&NES's Corporate Risk register due to poor performance this year and whilst a recovery plan has been in place. However, as performance has improved the level of risk is reducing.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 There are no specific equalities issues raised by this briefing note.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 This briefing note has been written with the approval of the Royal United Hospital, Bath. As this is a briefing note, consultation with key stakeholders has not taken place.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 None.

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 None. (As this is a briefing update on Department of Health national standards).

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Background papers	<i>Further information on this policy initiative can be found on the Department of Health's website.</i>
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