



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# Overview & Scrutiny

Title:	<b>HEALTH OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
Date:	<b>30 SEPTEMBER 2009</b>
Time:	<b>4PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL</b>
Members:	<p><b>Councillors:</b> Peltzer Dunn (Chairman), Alford, Allen (Deputy Chairman), Barnett, Harmer-Strange, Hawkes, Kitcat, Rufus</p> <p><b>Co-optees:</b> Robert Brown (Brighton &amp; Hove LINK); Jack Hazelgrove (Older People's Council)</p>
Contact:	<p><b>Giles Rossington</b> <b>Senior Scrutiny Officer</b> 29-1038 Giles.rossington@brighton-hove.gov.uk</p>

	The Town Hall has facilities for wheelchair users, including lifts and toilets
	An Induction loop operates to enhance sound for anyone wearing a hearing aid or using a transmitter and infra red hearing aids are available for use during the meeting. If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the receptionist on arrival.
	<p><b>FIRE / EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE</b></p> <p>If the fire alarm sounds continuously, or if you are instructed to do so, you must leave the building by the nearest available exit. You will be directed to the nearest exit by council staff. It is vital that you follow their instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should proceed calmly; do not run and do not use the lifts;</li> <li>• Do not stop to collect personal belongings;</li> <li>• Once you are outside, please do not wait immediately next to the building, but move some distance away and await further instructions; and</li> <li>• Do not re-enter the building until told that it is safe to do so.</li> </ul>

# AGENDA

<b>Part One</b>	<b>Page</b>
-----------------	-------------

---

**15. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS** **1 - 2**  
(copy attached).

**16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** **3 - 8**  
Draft minutes of the meeting held on 08 July 2009 (copy attached).

**17. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

**18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The closing date for Public Questions is noon on 22 September 2009.

**19. NOTICES OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

No Notices of Motion have been received.

**20. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Two Councillor Questions have been received.

**a) from Councillor Brian Pidgeon:**

Over the past few days a leaflet from NHS Brighton & Hove has been delivered to every household in the city.

The leaflet, introduced by Darren Grayson, the Chief Executive of NHS Brighton & Hove, contains lots of very useful information, informing people how to make best use of local services, giving tips on healthy living, and outlining how the PCT uses its resources to improve the health of city residents.

The last page of the leaflet contains instructions on how to get a translation of this material: the information can be provided in seven different languages.

However, nowhere in the leaflet is it mentioned that NHS Brighton & Hove has made provision for blind or visually impaired people, by having the information available in large print, in Braille or in audio format.

Is it the case that NHS Brighton & Hove does not think that blind people are entitled to basic information about the healthcare they have paid for through their taxes? Or is it once again the case that blind people have been overlooked by the very organisation which should be most concerned with their needs?

If provision has been made for blind people to access this leaflet, can the Chief Executive of NHS Brighton & Hove explain how people are meant to

find out about it? If no provision has been made, I call on the Chief Executive to apologise to the city's blind community for this omission, and to promise that all future NHS Brighton & Hove publications will be as accessible for blind people as they rightly are for people whose main language is not English.

**b) from Councillor Jason Kitcat:**

1. What are the clinical reasons GPs are being recommended to prescribe Tamiflu to all patients with suspected swine flu?

2. As 'flu friends' are not being asked to pay for Tamiflu it is free for patients. This is in contrast with the usual prescription charge policy. What has this free dispensing cost the PCT so far? How is it being funded?  
What is the per unit charge the NHS are paying for Tamiflu?

3. As someone who experienced severe headaches when taking Tamiflu I was worried to learn the level of side effects experienced elsewhere. For example in Japan the Ministry of Health & Welfare has instructed doctors not to give Tamiflu to patients aged 10 to 19 due to extreme behavioural side-effects. At least 18 children in Japan have died as a result of irrational behaviour. The US Food & Drug Administration have also issued a warning about Tamiflu's potentially fatal neuropsychiatric side-effects.

Japan uses 60% of the world's Tamiflu so are experienced in its use, however the UK did not issue similar warnings in its use. Two studies by the UK's Health Protection Agency (published in Eurosurveillance) found that 51% of the 248 children aged 11 to 12 studied had side-effects including nausea, headaches and stomach aches. A study of 85 London pupils also found more than half had side-effects when given Tamiflu as a preventative measure including 18% reporting a neuropsychiatric side-effect.

Given that the efficacy of Tamiflu type drugs (neuraminidase inhibitors) are still debated by clinicians and that their advertised benefits of a slightly reduced period of illness are hard to detect in most patients; one must question the cost-benefit of using Tamiflu.

Does the PCT believe that the financial costs, the potential side-effects, the impact on individual health outcomes and wider public health outcomes been correctly balanced?

- 21. FLU PANDEMIC UPDATE** **9 - 66**
- Update on local preparations for the swine flu pandemic by Dr Tom Scanlon, Director of Public Health, Brighton & Hove (copy attached).
- 22. BRIGHTON & SUSSEX UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS TRUST (BSUHT) FOUNDATION TRUST APPLICATION** **67 - 70**
- Report of the Director of Strategy and Governance on BSUHT plans to become an NHS Foundation Trust (copy attached). Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive of BSUH, and Mary Goode, Deputy Company Secretary of BSUH, will present this item.
- 23. SOUTH EAST COAST AMBULANCE TRUST (SECAMB): FOUNDATION TRUST APPLICATION** **71 - 74**
- Report of the Director of Strategy and Governance on the South East Coast Amulance Trust (SECamb) application for NHS Foundation Trust status. Geraint Davies, SECamb Director of Corporate Affairs and Service Development, will present this item (papers attached).
- 24. AD HOC PANEL ON THE GP-LED HEALTH CENTRE: NHS BRIGHTON & HOVE RESPONSE TO HOSC RECOMMENDATIONS** **75 - 80**
- Report of the Director of Strategy and Governance (copy attached).
- 25. HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (HOSC) WORK PROGRAMME** **81 - 94**
- Report of the Director of Strategy and Governance (copy attached).
- 26. CARERS' STRATEGY** **95 - 144**
- Report Of the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing on the development of a city carers' Strategy (copy attached).
- 27. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO CABINET OR THE RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER MEETING**
- To consider items to be submitted to the next available Cabinet or Cabinet Member meeting.
- 28. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL**
- To consider items to be submitted to the 08 October 2009 Council meeting for information.

The City Council actively welcomes members of the public and the press to attend its meetings and holds as many of its meetings as possible in public. Provision is also made on the agendas for public questions to committees and details of how questions can be raised can be found on the website and/or on agendas for the meetings.

The closing date for receipt of public questions and deputations for the next meeting is 12 noon on the fifth working day before the meeting.

Agendas and minutes are published on the council's website [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk). Agendas are available to view five working days prior to the meeting date.

Meeting papers can be provided, on request, in large print, in Braille, on audio tape or on disc, or translated into any other language as requested.

For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact Giles Rossington, 01273 29-1038, email [giles.rossington@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:giles.rossington@brighton-hove.gov.uk)) or email [scrutiny@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Date of Publication – 22 September 2009