

Buckinghamshire In House Forum Support Organisation

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee – May 2007

Buckinghamshire Primary Care PPI Forum

It was brought to the notice of forum members that a planned new hospital due to be built at Hatfield to treat cancer patients would not now be built. As this would have taken many patients from the Buckinghamshire area it was of concern particularly as the current facilities at Mount Vernon Hospital are now outdated. Representations via MPs have been made to the Minister for Health. It is now understood that Mount Vernon is to be upgraded with a new £21 million radiotherapy centre which is due to open later this year.

The Forum will be holding their AGM on May in the Education Centre at Amersham Hospital. If any member would like further information please let me know.

Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Mental Health PPI Forum

Main area of work has been a detailed submission for the Core Standards declaration.

Particular note to Buckinghamshire patients

- the development of the OT programmes at two additional sites
- concern about lack of appropriate space for patients to meet up with visitors
- conditions at Haleacre ward in Amersham
- concern regarding some security measures recently taken which restrict patients' access to gardens.

Forum has a meeting in public on Thursday 17 May in Oxford where the annual report and workplan will be presented.