

## **Health Issues in the South of the County**

It is felt that the Wycombe Accident and Emergency Department will be downgraded if an 'urgent case centre' is introduced.

If so, what kind of patients will the hospital staff be able to see? (excluding any GP service)

What cases does Wycombe A&E currently see that they will no longer be able to fully care for and admit to the hospital?

It is wondered what services the hospital will provide in 10 years time. There is a possibility that if the hospital is downgraded to an urgent case centre, recruiting doctors will become a major difficulty, as the status will be more of a cottage hospital.

The doctors are the voice of the PCT, but the PCT does not involve the doctors. There is a Professional Executive Committee (PEC) in existence. Are the public aware of this body, and could it be explained or described? A complaint from the GPs is they discover what is happening in the PCT 'by accident'. Is this so?

There are concerns that the people who do the talking in the PCT are not going to be around in the future. Papers and documents are produced, with little continuity of staff.

Questions are raised, for example, 'what did they say'? and 'who said that'?

Are names put at the bottom as signatories, without having read the document? There is insufficient consultation with the health care clinicians.