

DECISION-MAKER:	PANEL B		
SUBJECT:	PATIENT SAFETY IN ACUTE CARE INQUIRY – BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT		
DATE OF DECISION:	29 JULY 2010		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF POLICY AND IMPROVEMENT		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

This paper, and associated annexe and presentation, provides an introduction to and context for the Patient Safety in Acute Care Inquiry.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To receive a presentation from the Head of Health & Community Care on the national patient safety context.
- (ii) To note the joint paper by NHS Southampton and Southampton University Hospitals Trust on quality assurance in acute care.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To provide background and context to the Patient Safety in Acute Care Inquiry.

CONSULTATION

3. None.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. None.

DETAIL

5. Patient safety in the acute care setting is a complex and developing area. Jane Brentor, Head of Health & Community Care in Southampton City Council will deliver a presentation to the panel setting out the national context in relation to patient safety and the potential implications of the White Paper – Equity and Excellence.
6. To provide an overview of the current position in relation to patient safety in acute care in Southampton a background paper has been prepared jointly between NHS Southampton and Southampton University Hospitals Trust. This paper outlines commissioning for quality in Southampton, quality assurance framework in place at SUHT, the challenges faced by the health economy to ensure that local services are safe and effective and actions being implemented moving forward. The paper will be presented by Judy Gallow, Director of Nursing, SUHT and Ayo Adesina - Associate Director of

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

9. None.

Revenue

10. None.

Property

11. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Other Legal Implications:

13. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Briefing Paper for Southampton City Council’s Scrutiny Panel B – Quality Assurance in Acute Care
2.	Patient Improvement Framework

Documents In Members’ Rooms

1.	None.
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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