

**PROVISION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SERVICES****Report By: Director of Adult and Community Services****Wards Affected**

County-wide

**Purpose**

1. To receive an update on the operation of the arrangements for the provision of Ear, Nose and Throat Services.

**Financial implications**

2. None identified.

**Background**

3. In April 2004 the Committee approved its response to a consultation exercise undertaken by the Primary Care Trust on the future development of local Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) services.
4. The Committee commented at that time that it would wish to review the operation of the new arrangements put in place following the consultation exercise. The Committee had highlighted, in particular, the wish to check on the issues raised in the consultation exercise about patient safety and to monitor of the number of patient transfers to Worcester.
5. An update was provided to the Committee on 16th June 2005. It was advised that the Service had worked well with very few problems and no issues of patient safety. The number of transfers to Worcester had also been lower than estimated.
6. A briefing paper by the Hospitals Trust providing a further update on the development of ENT services is appended for consideration.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None