

MEETING:	HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	31 JULY 2009
TITLE OF REPORT:	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ICT LINKAGES
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CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

To consider a progress report on health and social care ICT linkages.

Recommendation

THAT the report be noted, subject to any comment the Committee wishes to make.

Introduction and Background

1. On 23 September 2008 the Health Scrutiny Committee resolved that a further report on health and social care ICT linkages be added to the work programme. This was in response to a question asked around the progress of development of such linkages.
2. There are a number of levels to ICT linkages between health and social care. These include:
 - Information Governance and Security;
 - Local electronic linkages between health and social care;
 - National electronic linkages between health and social care.
3. Timescales are dictated by national programmes rather than local requirements. However, there are a number of activities being carried out locally to ensure that both the Council and NHS are ready to take advantage of these linkages when they are ready and to put in place interim mechanisms to ensure appropriate sharing of records.
4. A presentation, a copy of which is attached, will be made at the meeting.

Financial Implications

5. Current activities are contained within authorised budgets.

Background Papers

- None