

Agenda Item:

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# Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

**Dorset County Council**



Date of Meeting	19 November 2013
Officer	Director for Adult and Community Services
<b>Subject of Report</b>	<b>Pathology Services at Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</b>
Executive Summary	<p>Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (DCHFT) is currently exploring options for providing pathology services. The objective is to find a service model that provides high quality, cost effective and timely provision which is sustainable financially in the long term.</p> <p>A number of options are being considered and the Trust has provided a report to brief members on this area of their work which has already attracted some publicity in the local press.</p> <p>The report includes a timetable for the work being undertaken to meet specific milestones and the project manager from DCHFT will be presenting the report and respond to members questions.</p>
Impact Assessment :	<u>Equalities Impact Assessment</u> NHS responsibility if applicable.
	<u>Use of Evidence</u> Report provided by Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
	<u>Budget</u> None for the County Council
	<u>Risk Assessment</u> Not applicable.

	<p><u>Other considerations</u> None.</p>
Recommendation	That the Committee notes and comments on the report.
Reason for Recommendation	The work of the Committee contributes to the County Council's aim to protect and enrich the health and well-being of Dorset's most vulnerable adults and children.
Appendices	1. Pathology Tendering Project Scrutiny Committee Brief
Background Papers	None.
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