

Traffic, Environment & Community Safety (TECS) Scrutiny Panel Scoping Document

Discharge from Queen Alexandra (QA) and St James's Hospitals – joint working with Portsmouth Local Involvement Network (LINK)

Discharge from QA Hospital and St James's Hospital

- Working in conjunction with Portsmouth Local Involvement Network (LINK)
- What is the standard process for discharging patients from hospitals and who is involved?
- What obstacles to the smooth-running of this process have been identified?
- How many patients are in hospital when they should have been discharged?
- What is the cost of delayed discharges from hospital?
- How can the discharge process be improved?

Who to invite as witnesses

- Head of Adult Social Care
- Discharge Lounge Manager at QA
- Responsible officer for discharge at St James's Hospital

Time-frame for review

- Evidence gathering during January
- Invite witnesses to a meeting in February
- Consider site visits to QA and St James's Hospitals in February (LINK could assist with this element)
- Report findings back through HOSP in March 2011 for further action by HOSP, where necessary