

**TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY PANEL**

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel held on 26 January 2011 at 3.00pm in Meeting Room 2, Third Floor, Portsmouth Guildhall.

(NB These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting, which can be found at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)).

**Present**

Councillors	Caroline Scott (Chair) Margaret Foster Lynne Stagg Mike Blake
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**In attendance**

Anthony Quinn, Senior Local Democracy Officer

**1 Apologies for absence (AI 1)**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Frank Jonas and David Fuller

**2 Declarations of interest (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes of previous meetings (AI 3)**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the TECS meeting of 8 September 2010 be agreed as a correct record**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the TECS meeting of 5 November 2010 be agreed as a correct record.**

**4 Patient Discharge from QA Hospital and St James's Hospital (AI 4)**

The panel commenced their review into, "patient discharge from QA Hospital and St James's Hospital.

[TAKE IN PROJECT BRIEF]

The panel are keen to utilise the Portsmouth Local Involvement Network (LINK) during this review to gather personal accounts from service users of their experiences with the discharge process from QA and St James's Hospitals and will invite the LINK to the next meeting to determine how best to achieve this.

The panel are keen to obtain background information from a range of services

including QA and St James’s hospitals, adult social care, PCC housing and private sector housing, carers’ groups and carers agencies, Age UK and the Alzheimer’s Society. The panel will invite written response from these agencies, to the following questions;

- What is the standard process for discharging patients from hospital 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 the hospital, to the NHS and to the Local Authority?
- How can the discharge process be improved?
- What can the TECS scrutiny panel do to help improve the discharge of patients from QA and St James’s Hospitals?

The panel will also invite representatives from these groups to attend a future meeting to assist the panel in determining proposals for improving the service provided.

**RESOLVED that the panel;**

- 1. Invite Portsmouth LINK to attend the next meeting of TECS with a view to collecting personal accounts from service users of the discharge process from QA and St James’s Hospitals.**
- 2. Write to the agencies involved in the discharge process and seek responses to the questions identified by the panel.**
- 3. Invite representatives from the agencies involved to attend the next meeting**
- 4. Agreed the scoping document for the review**

**5 Date of next meetings (AI 5)**

The panel agreed to hold two further meetings on;

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 3 pm, Meeting Room 2, Guildhall and  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 3 pm, Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall

The meeting closed at 4.08 pm

Chair.....