

**REVIEW OF REHABILITATION AND EARLY SUPPORTED DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with a summary of evidence received at an evidence gathering session for the review of Rehabilitation and Early Supported Discharge from Hospital.
- 1.2 An evidence gathering / consultation session was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and heard evidence from patients, patients' representatives and carers. A summary of the evidence is attached as Appendix 1.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 8 June 2011 the Scrutiny Committee agreed to pursue a review of Rehabilitation and Early Supported Discharge from Hospital.
- 2.2 A delayed transfer of care occurs when a patient is ready for transfer from a hospital bed, but is still occupying a bed. A patient is ready for transfer when:
  - a clinical decision has been made that the patient is ready for transfer AND
  - a multi-disciplinary team decision has been made that the patient is ready for transfer AND
  - the patient is safe to discharge/transfer.

**3. Aim of the Review**

- 3.1 To establish how effectively health and social care services are working in partnership to support timely discharges from hospital and promote independence in community settings.

**4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the summary of evidence received.

**5. Background Papers**

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