

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2015/16

Name: Ian Scott

Position held: Labour spokes Health Scrutiny Committee.....

A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

In my role as spokesperson, I attended health scrutiny committee meetings and agenda setting meetings to discuss, prepare and agree the health scrutiny work programme.

This involved scrutinizing the National Health Service provision in South Gloucestershire including reviewing substantial variations to specialist services on a case by case basis.

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

I was able to contribute to the scrutiny considerations of the following NHS services.

3Rs – update

Further update on System Flow Partnership

Quality Accounts providers: North Bristol Trust Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust University Hospitals Bristol Sirona care and health

Strategic Estates Plan

Frenchay – update on the 6 issues the Committee raised following the Secretary of State's response to its referral about Frenchay

Committee's referral to the Secretary of State regarding Cossham MIU

North Bristol Trust A&E re-inspection by the CQC

SWAST Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee Discussion Paper Mental Health spending CCG and CAH An update on mental health issues

What “added value” to the local community have you been able to achieve through your special responsibilities?

We were able to hold the NHS to account in public for health services which enabled local communities to participate in health scrutiny

How have your special responsibilities enabled the Council to be more effective?

By contributing at Agenda setting meetings, I have enabled the Council to focus its scrutiny of the NHS on where it can add the most value and making sure it is scrutinizing the most important concerns of the public.

In what ways has the exercise of your special responsibilities supported the core objectives of the Council?

By ensuring that the Council’s scrutiny of the NHS made sure that NHS decision making took into account the views of the public.