Bolton Council

Report to:	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
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Report Title: **Members Questions**

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Purpose:

The purpose of the report is advise Members that the following question has been received in accordance with Standing Order 36 from Councillor J. Silvester:-

Could Bolton PCT please outline how the money from the sale of the Hulton Hospital site has been reinvested in the Hulton or west of Bolton areas.

If not reinvested, do they still intend to build a new GP surgery on the old Hulton hospital site as promised?

Answer

Hulton Hospital was sold for £2.7m with the PCT realising a gain on disposal of £2.1m.

The proceeds from the sale (£1.83m), were used largely to fund the historic deficit which had been identified by the Bolton Hospitals NHS Trust and other hospitals in Greater Manchester, in the 2006/07 financial year. The amount paid to Bolton Hospitals NHS Trust amounted to £1.66m and a smaller amount of £0.17m was paid to Central Manchester Hospital which also treats a significant number of patients from the Bolton area. This contribution towards the Bolton Hospital's historic debt levered a further £2m from the then Greater Manchester Health Authority, into the Bolton health economy. This was part of the Greater Manchester Strategic Health Authority deficit plan which had been proposed to remove historic debt across most of the organisations in Greater Manchester.

As a result, Bolton Hospitals NHS Trust moved into a healthier financial position and continues to deliver the hospital services to the population of Bolton without the need to identify savings from its departmental budgets to fund its historic debt.

The remaining balance of £300,000 was used by the PCT to support its plans.

Recommendations:

Background Doc(s):

Summary:
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with background docs)*