

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

ADULTS, WELLBEING AND HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of **Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 28 January 2013 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor R Todd (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Chaplow, J Armstrong, J Bailey, R Crute, P Gittins, E Huntington, A Savory, P Stradling and O Temple

Co-opted Members:

Mrs B Carr and Mrs M Thompson

Also Present:

Councillors L Hovvels and M Nicholls

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Bell, P Brookes, D Burn, T Taylor, A Wright, Mrs H Gibbon and Mrs R Hassoon

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Mandy Thompson as a new co-optee onto the Committee, and welcomed colleagues from both Hartlepool Borough Council and Darlington Borough Councils.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Bell, P Brookes, D Burn and T Taylor and Mrs H Gibbon and Mrs R Hassoon.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Quality Legacy Project

The Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee it was anticipated that the Quality Legacy Project document would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

Children's Congenital Heart Services

The Chairman informed the Committee that a Motion which supported the Committee's previous position on this matter had been unanimously endorsed by County Council at its meeting on 5 December 2012.

Momentum Project/North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Service Developments and Pathway Development

Councillor Crute referred to consultation with the Committee on proposals from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust mentioned under Minute 5 and asked what consultation/engagement would mean and how far the Committee could influence decisions made by the Trust. The Overview and Scrutiny Manager replied that the Chief Executive of the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust had attended the last meeting of the Committee to provide members with an update of developments and proposals. This was a long standing agenda item for the Committee to assure Members that there was direct engagement with the Trust and Commissioners. Under the Health and Social Care Act there was a clear role for Scrutiny to respond to any proposals and it was essential that engagement took place with local Members to ensure that the views of local communities were heard.

One Life Hartlepool

Councillor Stradling referred to the One Life Hartlepool survey undertaken 6 August and the information requested at the meeting on 26 November which he had not yet received. The Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer agreed to follow this up.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties

There were no items from Co-Opted Members or Interested Parties.

6 Media Relations

The Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer showed examples of press articles relation to Adults, Wellbeing and Health which related to:

- A positive assessment by the NHS Commissioning Board for the Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group.
- Public health concerns in the region.

- A £1.5m Government investment to improve and upgrade maternity units, to be shared by seven hospital trusts in the North.
- The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which had been approved by Cabinet and was a key document for the work programme of the Committee.
- The first meeting of the North Durham Clinical Commissioning Council of Members.
- Reports of ward closures at the University Hospital of Hartlepool and response from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust. A presentation on Service Transformation was to be considered under agenda Item No 8.

7 Review of Childrens Therapy Services

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided details of proposals by NHS County Durham and Darlington to review Children's Therapy services across County Durham and Darlington (for copy see file of Minutes) and received an update from Mary Bewley and Phil Wray of NHS County Durham and Darlington.

Mary Bewley reminded the Committee that she had reported to its meeting held on 26 November 2012 that a re procurement exercise was being undertaken for speech and language therapy and occupational therapy services to ensure consistency, quality and access was improved. This report outlined the background to the re procurement exercise and provided details of feedback received from service users.

Phil Wray informed the Committee that it was proposed to decommission and re commission the Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy service providers in line with the findings of the review which had been undertaken.

Councillor Newell, Chair of Darlington Borough Council's Health and partnerships Committee, informed the Committee that concerns had been expressed at service delivery, poor communications and waiting lists, and therefore there was support for the review of the services. Officers at Darlington Borough Council were in support of the proposals arising from the review.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a substantial proportion of key stakeholders, at 91.7%, were also in favour of the proposals.

Resolved:

- (i) That the information contained within the report regarding the proposed review of Children's Therapy Services be noted;
- (ii) That, in conjunction with Darlington Borough Council's Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, comment be provided to NHS County Durham and Darlington in respect of the proposed review of Children's Therapy Services;
- (iii) It be requested that as part of the associated stakeholder engagement process around the service changes, the respective Overview and Scrutiny Committees receive and comment on the proposed service specification documents in respect of the re-commissioning proposals.

8 North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust - Service Transformation

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive and received a presentation from Julie Gillon, Chief Operations Officer/Deputy Chief Executive, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, regarding the Trust's service transformation plans (for copy of report and slides see file of Minutes).

The presentation included the following areas of the service transformation plans:

- The key drivers for change
- The strategic aim of the Foundation Trust
- The philosophy and key elements of Momentum
- The transformation of services
- Details of the Primary and Community Planning Project
- An update on the proposed new hospital at Wynyard, including the strategy for the hospital and contextual timescales and progress.
- The Clinical Services Strategy
- Community Renaissance
- The Clinical Case for Change
- The Quality Legacy Document

The Chairman thanked the Chief Operations Officer/Deputy Chief Executive for the presentation and stressed the need for early consultation with the Committee when changes were being considered by the Foundation Trust.

Mr J Chandy, Director of Performance and Information, Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group stated that the general public in South and East Durham were becoming more aware of NHS changes and stressed the importance of good communication to ensure that key messages were provided around what services were being delivered at the various NHS facilities, particularly Peterlee and Sedgfield Community Hospitals.

Resolved:

That the report and presentation be noted.

9 Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust - Dementia Inpatient Services in Hartlepool

The Committee considered a report of Paul Newton, Director of Operations, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust which provided details of proposals by the Trust to change the way inpatient services were provided to older people with an organic illness (dementia) (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Chairman and Councillor Crute both referred to the increased travel distance for some service users which would occur as a result of the proposals and asked what support would be provided to these users. The Director of Operations replied that financial assistance would be provided. The impact of the changes would be monitored and a report would be brought back to Committee six months following the introduction of the change.

Resolved:

- (i) That the proposed service change be supported
- (ii) That, six months after the introduction of the change, the Trust update the Committee on the impact of the change on patients and their carers.

10 Quarter 2 Performance Management Report

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which presented progress against the council's corporate basket of performance indicators for the Altogether Healthier theme and reported other significant performance issues for the second quarter of 2012/13 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Temple was pleased to note the improvement in the prevalence of breastfeeding and asked whether any progress had been made regarding funding issues at a breastfeeding café in Derwentside. The Head of Planning and Service Strategy, Children and Adults Services replied that he would provide Councillor Temple with an update on this after the meeting.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

11 Forecast of Revenue Outturn Quarter 2, 2012/13

The Committee considered a report of the Finance Manager which provided details for the former Adults, Wellbeing and Health service grouping which highlighted material variances between the approved revenue and capital budgets and outturn, based on the position at the end of September 2012 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

12 NHS Reforms and the Transfer of Public Health functions to Durham County Council

The Committee considered a joint report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Children and Adults Services and Director of Public Health County Durham which provided an update on recent developments in relation to NHS reforms, including the transfer of public health functions to Durham County Council from NHS County Durham (for copy see file of minutes).

The Chairman informed the Committee that this was one of a series of reports being brought to Committee and that further update reports would be presented to future Committees.

The Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that Dr Mike Guy of the Durham, Darlington and Tees Local Area Team (LAT) would be attending the next meeting of the Committee to discuss the development of relationships with the LAT.

Resolved:

That the report be noted and a further report regarding NHS reforms, including public health, be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

13 Joint Children and Young Peoples' Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Adult Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Review

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager provided the Committee with an update of the joint Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee review of Support for Young People with Mental Health Issues.

The findings of the review would be reported to Cabinet in March, and an executive summary would be circulated to Members in due course.

The Chairman of the meeting was of the opinion that the following item of business was of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration because of the need to keep Members updated on developments regarding GP practices in the Horden area.

14 GP Practices in Horden

The Committee received an update from Joseph Chandy, in his capacity as Practice Manager at The Shinwell Centre, Horden, regarding GP practices in the Horden area.

Mr Chandy informed the Committee that there were currently 3 GP practices in the Horden area, but that discussions which had taken place some three years ago had deemed that the premises of two of these were not fit for purpose. The premises of the third practice were good, but becoming rapidly outdated.

A business case for new premises had been submitted two years ago but was rejected because of financial constraints. The PCT had now approached all three GP practices informing them that it would consider a business case for extending one of the current premises to accommodate all three practices. All three practices would continue to operate independently from within the same building.

Consultation on the proposals had been carried out as follows:

- 8,000 leaflets had been distributed
- Three public consultation events had been held
- With local pharmacies, the Parish Council and the Area Acton Partnership (AAP)

Some concern had been expressed by patients about receiving services from a different site, but generally the feedback on the proposal had been positive. Pharmacies in the

area agreed with the rationale of the proposal and both the Parish Council and AAP were in support of the proposal.

Mr Chamdy informed the Committee that a letter which explained details of the proposal, including the rationale and business case, would be sent to the Local Authority.

Councillor Stradling stressed the need for community consultation and community support when such proposals were made, and asked to be provided with further information regarding the community consultation which had been carried out.

Resolved:

That the update be noted and further updates be brought to future meetings of the Committee.