

**PUBLIC**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH** held at County Hall, Matlock on 1 December 2014.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs M A Stockdale (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, S A Bambrick, Ms S L Blank, W Major, D McGregor, Mrs J E Patten and Mrs I Ratcliffe.

**30/14**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 15 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**31/14**      **DERBYSHIRE INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE**  
Ms E Varley, Public Health, attended the meeting to give an update on the award of the contract for the delivery of the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service commencing April 2015. The service aimed to reduce the sexual health inequalities by providing an equitable service across the County to all residents, facilitating prompt access in line with need.

**RESOLVED** to note the service development.

**32/14**      **HEALTH VISITING AND FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP SERVICES**  
Ms T Creswell, Public Health, gave an update on the on-going arrangements for transition of commissioning responsibilities for the Health Visiting and family Nurse Partnership services from NHS England to the County Council in October 2015. Plans to develop the new Public Health Nursing and Prevention Service were outlined.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and a further update be presented to the March meeting of the Committee.

**33/14**      **HEALTHWATCH UPDATE**  
Healthwatch had provided their quarterly intelligence report arising from their work. The report outlined what Healthwatch was hearing, the way the organisation worked, and the enter and view work undertaken. Forthcoming work and current recommendations were also reported.

It was noted that hospital discharges processes was a continuing area of concern and this was a matter that the Committee would wish to focus on in early 2015.

Also presented was a Carer's Discussion Paper drafted in response to the findings of evidence received and discussions in events. Recommendations were included in the report and these would be the subject of discussion.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be received and hospital discharge processes be considered by the Committee in early 2015.

**34/14      21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY HEALTH AND CARE TRANSFORMATION IN NORTH DERBYSHIRE** Ms J Pendleton, North Derbyshire CCG and A Gregory, Hardwick CCG, gave an update on the progress made on the transformation of care services in north Derbyshire. Good progress had been made with a number of workstreams being developed. Plans for consultation were outlined and this would be carried out in mid 2015.

**RESOLVED** that progress be noted.

**35/14      REVIEW OF IMMUNISATION** An oral update was given on the review of immunisation and vaccinations take-up. Consultation with our own staff group had been undertaken and the Youth Council were providing information following a survey undertaken by them.

**RESOLVED** to note progress being made and to note that a special meeting may be necessary to consider the findings and final report.

**36/14      WORK PROGRAMME** Recent developments were outlined, notably that the County Council had been invited to join the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. This Committee, comprising membership from the ten Authorities in the Greater Manchester area, had been established with the specific remit to carry out Joint Scrutiny as required in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

The provision of many health services to communities in the High Peak area was commissioned by the Greater Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). They were formed together as "Committees in Common" and were promoting their "Healthier Together" programme which would involve the reconfiguration of hospital services across the Manchester area. The programme would have an impact on the provision of hospital services for patients in the High Peak area and this required Derbyshire County Council to have a Member on the Joint Committee to participate in the scrutiny of the proposed major service reconfigurations. Councillor C Bisknell had been appointed and she would report back to this Committee on developments affecting communities in the High Peak when appropriate.

The Improvement and Scrutiny Officer had been liaising with EMAS managers to help develop communications between EMAS and the Committee. In discussing the Health Scrutiny function and the obligation of EMAS to inform this Committee of major issues affecting service delivery, the Officer has

requested the opportunity for Members to learn more about the service and the challenges it currently faced. EMAS would ensure that the Committee was involved in any consultation on service transformation proposals at an early stage and would respond to requests for information, particularly on performance issues.

To help understand the service in operational detail, arrangements were to be made for Members to visit the EMAS Dispatch (Call Centre) and observe operators dealing with calls for assistance and also accompany ambulance staff on their call-outs to observe the service in action.

The Committee was scheduled to undertake a review of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board. This proposal had been deferred pending the outcome of the recent LGA Peer Review of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the findings of which were due to be published in December. It was proposed that the Committee's review of the Board be directed in the light of the LGA Peer Review, particularly in respect of overseeing the implementation of any changes to the way in which the Board operates.

**RESOLVED** to note progress on the Committee's work programme for 2014/15.