

## **PUBLIC**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH** held at County Hall, Matlock on 18 May 2015.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor S A Bambrick (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs S Blank, W Major, D McGregor, Mrs I Ratcliffe and Mrs M Stockdale.

In attendance – Councillor P Gilby.

**12/15**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 16 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**13/15**      **REVIEW OF IMMUNISATION – PROGRESS**      D West, Public Health, attended to give an update on the progress that had been made in implementing the recommendations of the Committee's review of immunisation.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and a further update be presented in the Autumn.

**14/15**      **DERBYSHIRE INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
R Spencer, Derbyshire Community Health Services, gave a report on the new Integrated Sexual Health Service provided by DCHS. The contract for the delivery of the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service had been awarded to Derbyshire Community Health Services and following robust project management throughout the service mobilisation phase, the service commenced on 1 April 2015. All partners worked collaboratively to ensure a secure, effective and efficient transition and minimised disruption to service users. The service aimed to reduce sexual health inequalities by providing an equitable service across the County to all Derbyshire residents, facilitating prompt access in line with need.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**15/15**      **HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE**      Ms H Hart presented the findings of Healthwatch's latest intelligence report referring in particular to recently published reports on Primary care, Children and Young People and the carer's Discussion paper. Future work was also set out.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**16/15      SCOPING REPORT – REVIEW OF ACUTE HOSPITAL DISCHARGES**

The Scrutiny Review of Acute Hospital Discharges would look at the current processes used to discharge patients, identify delays and other obstacles and ascertain potential improvements which could be implemented to achieve a more efficient discharge process and better patient experience. An emphasis would be placed on the discharge of frail, elderly and vulnerable patients.

It was proposed that the review be completed by November 2015.

**RESOLVED** (1) to agree the scope of the review of Acute Hospital Discharges and; (2) to appoint a review working group comprising Councillors S A Bambrick, Mrs M Stockdale, Mrs J E Patten and Mrs I Ratcliffe.

**17/15      WORK PROGRAMME      RESOLVED** to note progress on the Committee's work programme.

**18/15      NORTH DERBYSHIRE CCG UPDATE**      Ms J Pendleton, North Derbyshire CCG attended the meeting to report that, from Friday 15 May, Royal Primary Care had been responsible for providing GP services to all patients registered with the Holywell Medical Group in Chesterfield and Staveley.

Exceptional circumstances meant that Holywell Medical Group would no longer be able to provide GP services after Thursday 14 May. This was an unexpected development and to ensure a safe and sustainable service continued for local patients, Royal Primary Care had been commissioned to provide an emergency caretaker service until 31 March 2016.

Employees of Holywell Medical Group had been told of the exceptional circumstances in a staff meeting and patients have been notified in a letter from NHS North Derbyshire CCG, NHS England and Royal Primary Care.

NHS North Derbyshire CCG would commission services from three of the five sites. This was to preserve services and to help secure a more sustainable service model in the face of national shortages of medical and other primary care professionals. The sites that would continue to offer full services for all Holywell Medical Group patients were:

- The Grange Family Health Centre, Stubbing Road, Grangewood
- Rectory Surgery, Rectory Road, Staveley
- Inkersall Family Medical Centre, Attlee Road, Inkersall.

Holywell House and Barrow Hill surgeries had closed on Thursday 14 May. Patients were able to continue to access services at any of the other three surgeries.

Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to seek clarification about the effect on patients and the reasons why this situation had developed.

Members had serious concerns that the role of the Committee in scrutinising services had been undermined with no information having been provided to the Committee until only recently about the surgery closures, even though the situation at Holywell Medical Group had been developing for some time.

The Committee was sufficiently concerned over the process that it was minded to refer the matter to the Secretary of State.

**RESOLVED** that arrangements be made for a special meeting of the Committee to discuss this matter further with invitations to attend and present evidence being extended to all the relevant parties, and that, in the meantime, a statement be issued to highlight the Committee's concerns and its future intentions.

#### **19/15      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings.

#### **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

Report of North Derbyshire CCG on services provided by Derbyshire Health United (Containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person)