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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH** held at County Hall, Matlock on 20 January 2014.

PRESENT

Councillor S A Bambrick (in the Chair)

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

01/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 4 November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

02/14 **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET MEMBER** Councillor C Neill, Cabinet member for Adult Social Care, attended the meeting and gave an update on the progress made on a number of issues, including the Integration Transformation Fund where a draft pooled budget proposal was to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 6 February. Final proposals were to be submitted to NHS England by 4 April.

Reference was made to the reports that were to be considered by Cabinet on 21 January to seek approval to consult on proposals to make Adult Care budget cuts.

03/14 **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY MIDWIFERY BASES AT QUEENS PARK LEISURE CENTRE, CHESTERFIELD AND CLAY CROSS HEALTH CENTRE** Ms L Gustard, Head of Midwifery, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, attended the meeting to explain a proposal to establish new community midwifery bases in Chesterfield. The proposal was to establish bases within Queens Park Sports Centre and Clay Cross Clinic, following its refurbishment.

Chesterfield Borough Council had recently undertaken a public consultation related to a new build on Queens Park Annexe to replace Queens Park Sports Centre. Within the draft plan, ground floor space had been identified to accommodate a community midwifery base. The new build was scheduled to be completed during 2015. In the interim, ground floor space has been identified in the existing sports centre which could be easily adapted for use as a base. Clay Cross Clinic was currently a vacant building. It was anticipated that a number of health services would be co-located within the refurbished building. A self-contained area had been identified for a midwifery base that would support secure out of hours access.

The 'midwifery base' model of community care had enabled the Trust to modernise the midwifery service and achieve national recommendations related to maternity care for a proportion of women who access the maternity service in North Derbyshire. The evaluations of this model of care by service users and staff were positive, and midwife time was more effectively utilised. There was potential for co-locating other services within the bases in the future to achieve public health initiatives and facilitate partnership working with other agencies. The Trust recognised that the community midwifery services in some GP practices in these areas may need to be retained and examples may be Stonebroom, South Normanton and Pinxton, because the base in Clay Cross was not easily accessed. The Trust would undertake a thorough assessment of the transport links to the proposed bases and retain service provision in areas where transport links were identified as inadequate.

RESOLVED (1) that the proposals be welcomed and an update on the development be submitted to the Committee in the future; (2) that the Committee record its concern that the Trust had been unsuccessful in its attempts to secure feedback from GP surgeries in the area, even though a number of approaches had been made by the Trust, and (2) that information be presented to the Committee on the arrangements for midwifery services that were in place in other parts of the County.

04/14 HEANOR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust had provided a further update about Heanor Memorial Hospital's asbestos removal, following a detailed specialist survey of the site. The Trust called in qualified specialists to remove asbestos from the hospital's boiler room in September and, during the course of the work, uncovered further repairs required to the boiler control system and pipework, which were on-going. There had never been any risk to our patients' safety from the asbestos, which was safely contained. In order for the removal work to go ahead the Trust had closed the main hospital building temporarily and had been looking after patients at nearby Ilkeston Community Hospital while the work went ahead.

In view of these findings and the age of the hospital building, the Trust asked for a specialist Asbestos Refurbishment Survey of the whole hospital site to get a clear picture of the likelihood of any further asbestos being present. That survey had identified the presence of asbestos in numerous parts of the building. The extensive presence of asbestos, which compounded the defects previously identified, made the necessary upgrading of the hospital's infrastructure more complex and expensive. Talks were on-going between Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust and NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG to find the best way forward.

A public meeting was to be held on 30 January to consider this matter and an update would be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED to note the current position.

05/14 DERBYSHIRE INTEGRATED WELLBEING APPROACH

Cabinet had approved a new Derbyshire integrated approach to health and wellbeing and the proposed associated budget allocation. Approval had also been given to a period of consultation on the proposed new approach, prior to further consideration by Cabinet in the New Year.

Following review and evaluation, the proposal was to re-engineer three existing services into a new well-being approach that was affordable, accessible and effective in supporting health and well-being improvement and addressing health inequalities. This new development would contribute to the achievement of the health and well-being priority on lifestyle and behaviour change. The proposed overall budget for this new service was £4.1m representing a saving to the Authority of £720,000.

RESOLVED to note the proposals.

06/14 PUBLIC HEALTH PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

A report was presented on the services being re-procured by Public Health and of those new services which were to be procured to commence from April 2014 and which were not included in the report to the last meeting of the Committee.

An explanation summarising each service was included in the appendices. Additional reports would be submitted to future meetings where services had been reviewed and were to be commissioned differently in future.

RESOLVED (1) that the report be noted and a further update be presented in 12 months on the impact of these services; and (2) that information be provided for Members on the towns that were to be involved in the foot care investment.

07/14 HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE Jas Dosanjh and Helen Hart attended the meeting and provided an update on the establishment of Healthwatch. The report outlined the progress made to date including the number of comments now logged from the public.

Information sharing protocols had now been developed and this important development meant that Healthwatch would then be in a position to compile and present a summary report to other significant groups, such as this Committee, the Quality Surveillance Group, and the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report would highlight any themes and trends and outline any planned action by Healthwatch. This report would give a good feel for what Healthwatch was hearing and what it was doing as a result.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

08/14 VISITS TO WALTON AND BOLSOVER HOSPITALS

Councillors Bambrick and Stockdale gave an update on their recent visits to the Walton and Bolsover Hospitals following the invitation extended at the last meeting of the Committee. They planned to visit Clay Cross Community Hospital in the near future.