

**MINUTES of a meeting of the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH held at County Hall, Matlock on 20 July 2015.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor S A Bambrick (in the Chair)

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

**22/15      MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 18 May and 10 June 2015 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

**23/15      MATTERS ARISING      North Derbyshire CCG Update (Minute 18/15 refers)** Following the recent issues with the Holywell Medical Group in Chesterfield and Staveley, Members agreed that a letter should be sent from the Committee to the Secretary of State for Health asking for an explanation from the Department of how Clinical Commissioning Groups should ascertain the financial stability of primary care providers with whom they contracted for services and an assurance that the Secretary of State was satisfied that adequate financial checks were embedded in the current contractual arrangements used by Clinical Commissioning Groups in awarding contracts for the provision of GP services.

**24/15      CRESWELL AND LANGWITH SURGERIES, ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS PLAN - SUMMER 2015 (HARDWICK COMMISSIONING GROUP)** A Gregory, Hardwick CCG, gave Members a brief update on the current position with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Care. Consultation had now been moved from September to December and Members would be kept informed as the consultation progressed.

G Harry, Hardwick CCG attended the meeting and gave Members an update on the engagement and communications plan for Creswell and Langwith surgeries. Following the unexpected termination of the contract for GP services with the service provider in January 2015, an engagement process was now underway to get patients' views on securing longer term services which would provide greater stability for both patients and staff at the practice. Since the termination of the contract Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust had been running the practice on an interim basis, using many of the existing GPs, nursing and practice management team. DCHS would continue to offer services to patients at both Creswell and Langwith until March 2016.

Members were informed that Hardwick CCG would like the specification which described the service that would be commissioned for patients to be developed by late summer so that the new provider could be in place from 1 April 2016. Patients had now received a letter and a short questionnaire asking them for their views of current services and to make suggestions on how things could be improved in the future. Hardwick CCG remained committed to developing new buildings for both surgeries in Creswell and Langwith and the developers were hoping to be in a position to apply for planning permission later in the year subject to final approval from NHS Property Services. NHS England and Hardwick CCG would continue to hold NHS Property Services to account to ensure this happened as soon as possible and the commitments previously made to the people of Creswell and Langwith were fulfilled.

It was noted that communications with NHS Property Services were proving very difficult, which in turn, was obstructing progress. Members considered this to be unacceptable and agreed that the Health Scrutiny Committee should write to the Secretary of State asking him to help accelerate negotiations between NHS Property Services, NHS England and the CCG in respect of the Creswell and Langwith surgery developments.

Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions which were duly noted or answered by the representatives of Hardwick CCG.

Members also agreed that NHS England should be invited to a future meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

The Chair thanked the representatives of Hardwick CCG for the information that had been presented and for their continued efforts in trying to progress arrangements for the Creswell and Langwith surgeries.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**25/15      HEALTHWATCH ANNUAL REPORT**      Ms H Hart had provided members with a copy of the recently published Healthwatch Annual Report “Acting on your Experiences to Make a Difference” for information.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**26/15      HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE**      Ms H Hart presented the findings of Healthwatch’s latest intelligence report referring in particular to the primary care report, acquired brain injuries service evaluation, children

and young people's report, the carers discussion paper and the homecare services report. Future work was also set out.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**27/15**      **WORK PROGRAMME**  
the Committee's work programme.

**RESOLVED** to note progress on