

**MINUTES of a meeting of the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH held at County Hall, Matlock on 15 July 2013.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor S A Bambrick (in the Chair)

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

In attendance – Councillor D Allen.

**01/13      MINUTES    **RESOLVED**** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People held on 13 March 2013 be received.

**02/13      COMMISSIONING PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMMES 2013/15**

Ms E Michel, Director of Public Health, attended the meeting to make a presentation on proposals for commissioning of Public Health programmes in 2013/15. She outlined the role of the Director of Public Health and that of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

The presentation outlined the Local Authority's commissioning responsibilities, some of which were mandatory services. The Public Health Grant to the Council was £34m in 2013/14 and the vast majority of this funding was committed to commissioning services that were already in place. A report would be presented to Cabinet on 29 July 2013 making recommendations for the future Public Health programmes. Once this was agreed, there would be a series of reports to Cabinet and to this Improvement and Scrutiny Committee giving more detailed plans on each programme area. The process would include consultation as part of the contracting and redesign process.

**RESOLVED** to note the presentation and to look forward to receiving further reports in due course.

**03/13      CABINET MEMBER UPDATE**      Councillor D Allen, Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, attended the meeting to give an update on issues within his portfolio. This was a new area of responsibility and much work was on-going in establishing links with Health colleagues.

Councillor Allen encouraged the Committee to consider whether there were any specific Public Health work areas that it would wish to focus upon as part of its work programme for this year.

#### **04/13      IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY IN DERBYSHIRE**

Mr G Spencer, Improvement and Scrutiny Officer, briefed members on the role and responsibilities of the Committee and the operation of the scrutiny function in the Council.

The Committee had ability to review and scrutinise “any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the Health Service” in Derbyshire. There was on-going work on discharge planning and also, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee were to meet with Council and NHS representatives to discuss potential scrutiny work areas. Members were invited to submit suggestions for future reviews.

#### **05/13      HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE**

Ms K Ritchie and Ms J Dosanjh of Healthwatch Derbyshire attended the meeting to make a presentation on the newly established Healthwatch Derbyshire, outlining the staffing and management arrangements for the organisation and what its role and responsibilities were. Healthwatch would hear what people would have to say about Health and Social Care services and would collect individual comments and record them. They would make these views known to those involved in the commissioning, provision and scrutiny of Health and Social Care services. The power of Healthwatch came from the collective voice of the people of Derbyshire and the more people who spoke out, the more Healthwatch would be able to speak up.

Healthwatch would be a standing item on the Committee’s agenda and regular updates on the work of the organisation would be submitted to the Committee.

#### **06/13      HEALTH ROUND-UP**

A report was presented with a round-up of issues and projects relevant to the role and remit of the Committee. The report provided information on:-

- The Spending Round 2013 which set out the Government’s spending priorities for the remainder of the current Parliament and into 2015/16.
- Children’s Congenital Heart Surgery – the Safe and Sustainable review where an announcement on the future of children’s and adults’ heart surgery would take place in the autumn.
- The East Midlands Ambulance Service “Being the Best” change programme where EMAS proposals were being reviewed by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.
- The national review of hospital mortality where 2 hospital trusts in neighbouring areas were being investigated as part of the review.

**RESOLVED** that the update report be noted and the Committee be kept informed of future developments relating to issues outlined above.

**07/13      WORK PROGRAMME** The Improvement and Scrutiny Management Committee had agreed that this Committee should consider the continuation of the review into care planning at admission to hospital that started under the previous Council administration. A summary report outlining the scope and work undertaken to date was presented.

Committee Members were invited to put forward proposals for areas relevant to the work of this Committee for review in the coming year.

**RESOLVED** that the review into care planning at admission to hospital be continued and a working group of members be appointed to oversee the review comprising Councillors Mrs M Stockdale, Mrs I Ratcliffe and W Major with the involvement of the Chair as necessary.