

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
– **HEALTH** held at County Hall, Matlock on 18 September 2017

PRESENT

Councillor D Taylor (in the Chair)

Councillors D Allen, R Ashton, S Bambrick, Mrs S Blank, L Grooby, G Musson and R Parkinson.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor S Burfoot

19/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 17 July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20/17 **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES – UPDATE** Councillor Hart gave an overview of her role as Cabinet Member for Health and Communities. She described the background to public health services moving from the NHS to the County Council and the establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The LGA was providing an Integration and Self-Assessment Tool workshop to determine if better outcomes and working in partnership could be achieved and how the Board might be changed to get Members more involved. She commented on the challenges of the STP and the need to change current health services provision.

Current activities included restructuring to provide in-house services, a Sports England bid to promote physical activity and healthy life style, a Greenspaces conference on 20 September, and the publication of a statement on fracking from the Director of Public Health.

Councillor Hart also commented that part of her portfolio included community safety, trading standards and emergency planning.

Councillor Allen agreed that the size of the Health and Wellbeing Board often made it difficult to manage but that the attendance of senior professional members indicated the importance partners gave to the Board. He also commented on recent changes to the CCG chairs and in his view the need for more money in the NHS.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hart for her report.

21/17 PUBLIC QUESTION The Chair reported that a public question had been received and it was agreed that the question, forwarded by Councillor Maurice Neville, Amber Valley Borough Council, be put to the Committee.

Councillor Neville read out the following –

“The agenda of the HSC meeting on 18th includes a financial update on North Derbyshire CCG. A deficit of £28 million has to be addressed by the CCG after being put in special measures, which calls in question the immense financial pressures on the CCG. At the NDCCG meeting on 24th August a report was presented called Derbyshire STP System Financial Strategy which says this of the situation in Derbyshire's STP Footprint:

"The health system gap identified in the October 2016 STP submission was £287m. Within the original plan, a number of measures were proposed to address the gap. These measures have not yet been implemented."

(This figure of £287 million is one third larger than the £219 million figure made public in November 2016.)

and also:

"We don't have a financial plan to make the system financially viable over the medium term"

Given the serious financial crisis of the entire Derbyshire system, the Derbyshire STP System Financial Strategy report describes the solution to address the crisis as the creation of an Accountable Care System, which would include Derby City and Derbyshire County Council Social Care services, to be created by 2019.

Have members of the Committee seen and read this report?

If so, what scrutiny of the Idea of an ACS plan has been undertaken by the Committee?

If not when will this plan be presented to the Committee?

What, if any, public engagement on this huge change is being planned?

Councillor Taylor commented that he was aware of the document and that an update on the STP would be given at the next meeting of the Committee.

22/17 FINANCIAL UPDATE NORTH DERBYSHIRE CCG Jayne Stringfellow, Chief Nurse for Derbyshire reported that Dr Chris Clayton had been appointed as the Joint Accountable Officer for Derbyshire's four CCGs.

Mike Cawley, Interim Chief Finance Officer, informed Members that following an assessment by NHS England in 2016 the North Derbyshire CCG had been rated inadequate and Legal Directions had been issued.

The CCG was required to deliver an organisation implementation plan by 14 September 2017 and a financial recovery plan by 2 October 2017.

The CCG recognised the concerns of local authorities about how this might impact current services and was working closely with the Regulator. The Regulator was also in regular contact with local authority colleagues. It was requested that the Scrutiny Committee should be kept informed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

23/17 21ST CENTURY CARE Clive Newman, Director of Transformation Hardwick CCG, gave an update on operational changes since 24 July 2017 and commented that the consultation period had been extended due to services and demand changes.

Difficulties were being experienced with recruiting and retaining staff and there had been difficulty in maintaining services. As a consequence the Riverside Ward (older peoples' mental health ward) at Newholme Hospital, Bakewell had been closed on 23 August on safety grounds and the Hudson Ward (rehabilitation care for elderly patients) at Bolsover Hospital had also been closed on 13 September on a temporary basis. Additional beds at Clay Cross Hospital and other facilities in the north of the County were being provided. The Chairman expressed concern about the short notice which had been given by DCHS of these closures.

It was acknowledged that there was a need to maintain patient safety in response to operational issues. It was noted that there was a national shortage of nurses and that a contingency plan needed to be in place before winter pressures. Recruitment and retention of staff had been identified as a risk in the proposals and the risk profile was being updated following consultation and discussions with staff.

The Committee would keep a watchful eye on the establishment of the dementia rapid response team (DRRT) to ensure that it met the needs of the community.

RESOLVED to note the report.

24/17 INTERMEDIATE CARE CONSULTATION – TAMESIDE & GLOSSOP CCG Jessica Williams, Programme Director, Care Together Tameside and Glossop CCG attended the meeting to give an update on the review of Intermediate Care provision in Tameside and Glossop.

Three options were being consulted on –

- Option 1 – maintain current arrangements
- Option 2 – All bed-based intermediate care in a single location at the Stamford Unit, Ashton (the preferred option)
- Option 3 – Develop a scheme of bed-based intermediate care within local private care homes

The aim was for intermediate care to be delivered in a community hospital or in a patient's home to avoid hospital admission and for elderly and frail patients to be discharged from hospital when medically fit.

RESOLVED to note the update report.

25/17 DERBYSHIRE HEALTHWATCH UPDATE AND DEMENTIA ENGAGEMENT PROJECT A copy of the Healthwatch Derbyshire newsletter had been circulated. Helen Henderson-Spoors highlighted a number of activities which were being undertaken.

A Best Practice Guide to Consultation had been created to promote 'meaningful public engagement' in decision making about significant changes to health and social care services in Derbyshire. The guide outlined the legal requirements that should be followed and was accompanied by a 'consultation checklist'.

Healthwatch had also focussed on dementia engagement and planned to talk to people across the County who were living with dementia, including their family and carers, about their experiences and views on the care and support they received. This would enable Healthwatch Derbyshire to have a greater understanding of what was working well and what could be improved. A report on this exercise would be published early next year.

A repeat exercise was being undertaken with children and their carers in respect of child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) on how the service had changed/improved over the last two years. A report would be presented to a future meeting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

26/17 WORK PROGRAMME An oral update on progress on the Committee's work programme for 2017/18 was given -

- An update on the STP would be given at the next meeting

- Councillor Grooby had been appointed as the County Council representative on the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny
- Councillor Taylor had been appointed as the County Council representative on the South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Wakefield Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This Joint Committee had recently considered the following issues –
 - 1) Children's Non Specialist Surgery and Anaesthesia – changes were being implemented following a public consultation and should be in place by the end of the year; Chesterfield Royal Hospital would not provide children's emergency surgery out of hours (evenings and weekends), this would be performed at Sheffield Children's Hospital
 - 2) Hyper-Acute Stroke Services – a decision was awaited following a public consultation; the proposal was to have three hyper-acute stroke services centres at the following sites - Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Doncaster Royal Infirmary and Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

RESOLVED to note the progress of the work programme.