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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH** held at County Hall, Matlock on 24 March 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 and Mrs I Ratcliffe.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs M Stockdale.

In attendance – Councillors Mrs C M Cox, K Gillott and P Jones and Ms H Hart (Healthwatch Derbyshire).

09/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 20 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10/14 **HEANOR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** The meeting received a joint presentation by Mr W Jones (Derbyshire Community Health Services), Mr A Layzell and Ms H Dillistone (Southern Derbyshire CCG) about the future of the Heanor Memorial Hospital.

An outline of the services that had been provided from the Hospital was given, and the circumstances of the discovery of asbestos on the site. The costs of various remedial works were reported. Various alternative scenarios were considered, including demolition and rebuilding.

At a public meeting in Heanor on 30 January 2014, 4 pledges had been made by the CCG:-

- Health services will be provided locally in Heanor
- If we have to demolish the hospital, we will put another NHS building in its place
- We will be honest about what is happening
- We will hold another public meeting in 3 months to report on progress

and there would be continued recognition of the memorial status.

There had been huge public reaction to this matter and a pre-engagement phase was now being considered. The purpose of pre-engagement phase was to help shape possible options for formal consultation which may include:

- Do (nothing) minimum (i.e. remove as much asbestos as possible and undertake some remedial work, patch over asbestos and re-open)
- Replace and rebuild new NHS facility with in-patients beds, and out-patients clinic
- Replace and rebuild a new NHS facility (out-patients clinics and include Heanor Health Centre services).

The timescale involved would be:-

- Pre Engagement phase now until June
- Next public meeting 29 May
- Launch Public Consultation throughout summer through to early Autumn
- Series of public events, surveys, opportunities for feedback
- Signed off plan by Jan/Feb 2015 at latest.

The next steps were:-

- Understand local health needs and future demographic changes
- Continue with engagement work
- Continue to work towards CCG future model of integrated care
- Look to bring back as many clinics as possible in the meantime.

Members asked questions of the Health representatives and further detailed information would be supplied in response to some of the questions asked.

Councillors Mrs C M Cox and P Jones represented the Heanor locality and they explained to the Committee some of the concerns that the local community had. Ms H Hart (Healthwatch Derbyshire) also made representations about the public engagement process.

The Chair thanked the Health representatives for their presentation and they left the meeting.

RESOLVED (1) that the Committee consider this matter further in September in the light of the outcome of the public engagement programme in order to decide whether a scrutiny review should be undertaken;

(2) that the Health representatives address the issues raised by the local members in respect of concerns about the temporary integration of Heanor outpatients at Ilkeston Hospital including parking difficulties at Ilkeston and the reception/signing arrangements.