

MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 13 March 2013.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs G A Farrington (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs S L Blank, Mrs C M Cox, S J Ellis, P Murray, Mrs J E Patten, G W Purdy and Mrs G P Reddy.

Mrs M Outram (Parent Governor Representative).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Allen, A F Charles, K P Morgan, D Stone, D J Wilcox and D Wilson and Messrs D Channon and B Thacker.

09/13 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/13 **WORK PROGRAMME** **RESOLVED** to receive an overview of the Committee's work programme for 2012/13.

11/13 **ILKESTON FAMILY PRACTICE** Messrs M Todd and J Rycroft and Mrs H Rose of the NHS Derby and Derbyshire PCT, together with Mr F Bharmul, NHS Erewash CCG, attended the meeting to give an update on the closure of the Ilkeston Family Practice.

A briefing paper had been presented to the Committee in November 2012 following the mutual decision between the PCT and the service provider to terminate the contract for Ilkeston Family Practice.

The latest position was that, by the end of February, approximately 350 patients had yet to register with another provider. A final letter would be sent to these in March and the PCT would continue to assist patients who had not yet registered with another practice.

There was still concern locally about the effects of this change and Ms A Jackson of the Save Ilkeston GP Campaign Group was present at the meeting and was invited by the Chairman to comment on the current situation. Points raised by Ms Jackson and comments received from other persons would be submitted to Mr Todd who would respond.

RESOLVED (1) that the update report be received; and

(2) that an update be presented to the Committee in 6 months.

12/13 EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE – BEING THE BEST PROGRAMME

Messrs P Ripley and P Burnett of the East Midlands Ambulance Service attended to give a presentation on the Service's Being the Best Programme.

Committee was reminded of the volume of calls dealt with across the County and the performance levels that were being achieved. New initiatives had been introduced to improve performance and the Being the Best Programme had been consulted upon in the latter stages of 2012. Following the responses received, the Service's proposals had been amended and a final decision would be taken by the EMAS Board on 25 March.

The reorganisation proposals in respect of Derbyshire now involved 2 Hub Stations (Chesterfield and Derby), 2 Stations (Buxton and Ashbourne) and 26 Community Ambulance Stations across the County together with a number of Community First Responders. South Derbyshire would be covered from the Derby City hub and a new hub at Ashby in North Leicestershire. The service was also rolling out across the County a supply of defibrillators and would be building a database of locations across the County.

Members asked that information be made available to them on performance targets for their own Divisions and the EMAS representatives confirmed that this could be done based on post codes. Members also asked to have a copy of the business case for the proposal that was to be presented to the EMAS Board.

RESOLVED (1) to note the revised proposals; and

(2) that a further update report be presented in 6 months.

13/13 COMMUNITY DENTISTRY SERVICE RECONFIGURATION

Ms C Utting and Ms J Deakin of the Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust attended the meeting to give a presentation on 2 proposals concerning changes to the delivery and accessibility of dental services provided by the Trust. The first proposal concerned changes to the delivery of out of hours dental services in Chesterfield with plans to keep weekend and a Bank Holiday provision in Chesterfield but to move weekday out of hours services to Derby. The second proposal concerned the consolidation of clinics that provide services to vulnerable adults and children.

Consultation on the proposals was on-going.

RESOLVED that the service reconfiguration proposals be accepted and, following the conclusion of the consultation exercise, a further report be presented to the Committee on the finalised proposals.

14/13 HEALTHWATCH An update was given on the progress made in establishing Healthwatch Derbyshire which would be introduced on 1 April 2013. Locally, Exact had been appointed to undertake the implementation project to create Healthwatch Derbyshire.

RESOLVED that progress be noted.

15/13 REVIEW OF CARE PLANNING AT ADMISSION TO ACUTE TRUSTS A report was presented on the work undertaken to date on the review of care planning at admission to Acute Trusts. The working group had met on a number of occasions and had met representatives from Burton Hospital, Chesterfield Royal Hospital and Derby Royal Hospital. A number of issues had arisen from these meetings and further meetings would take place with other Trusts external to the County that provide services to Derbyshire patients to determine if the issues identified to date were commonplace.

RESOLVED (1) to note the work undertaken to date on the review; and

(2) to continue the review as part of the 2013/14 work programme for the future health scrutiny function.

16/13 END OF LIFE INQUIRY An inquiry meeting had been held to look into End of Life Care in Derbyshire. This meeting had been held on 14 February 2013 and was concerned with focussing on the work that NHS Derby City and NHS Derbyshire County Primary Care Cluster had undertaken in developing an End of Life Pathway in Derbyshire and how this was delivered and monitored. The notes of the meeting were presented.

In summary, the inquiry learned that the Liverpool Care Pathway was not actively used in health settings in Derbyshire (with the exception of Derby Royal Hospital's NHS Foundation Trust). The PCT had developed a "Derbyshire End of Life Care Pathway" for supporting people in the last year of life. The Pathway was regulated by Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust and had been developed to allow for a multi-disciplinary team approach from the moment a patient was identified as nearing the end of their life. The inquiry also learned of proactive work being undertaken by PCT staff in promoting joined-up working in relation to sharing care plans for people on the Pathway. The "My Future Care Plan" was a useful document that could be completed by anyone at any stage of their life to express the type of care they wished to receive when entering their final days of life. The inquiry felt that this Plan should be actively promoted throughout Derbyshire to encourage people to think about their future care.

RESOLVED (1) to receive the notes of the End of Life Inquiry meeting held on 14 February 2013;

(2) that the Council's Cabinet be recommended that it considers promotion of the "My Future Care Plan" through existing media channels; and

(3) that a more detailed review of End of Life Care take place later in the year.