

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17th October 2012

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Lloyd (In the Chair),
Councillors Brophy, Mrs. Bruer-Morris, Butt, Harding, Holden, Lamb, Procter, S. Taylor
and Mrs Ward.

In attendance:

Democratic Services Manager (P. Forrester),
Democratic Services Officer (H. Mitchell).

Also in attendance: Leila Williams - Director of Service Transformation, NHS Greater Manchester, Jessica Williams - Associate Director, Service Transformation, NHS Greater Manchester, Nigel Guest - Interim Chief Clinical Officer, NHS Trafford, Stephen Gardner - Director of Strategic Projects, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Simon Musgrave - Clinical Head of Division (Trafford Division), Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Ann Day- Trafford LINK.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shaw.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of Personal Interests were reported to the meeting:

Councillor Lloyd, in relation to the Stroke Association;
Councillor Brophy, in relation to her employment within the NHS;
Councillor Taylor, in relation to her employment within the NHS;
Councillor Mrs. Bruer-Morris, in relation to her employment within the NHS;
Councillor Harding, in relation to the Save Trafford General Campaign.

RESOLVED: That the Declarations of Interest made to the meeting be noted.

13. THE EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF DENTISTRY IN CARE AND RESIDENTIAL HOMES

The Chairman welcomed the Executive Member, Community Health and Wellbeing and the Corporate Director, Communities and Wellbeing to the meeting to provide the Executive's response to the Dentistry in Care and Residential Homes review.

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The Executive Member advised the Committee that dentistry was a key area of focus for the Health and Wellbeing Board and that this issue would be closely monitored as part of the Board's work programme.

As the review was undertaken by the Executive Member whilst she was a Scrutiny Member, the Committee thanked her for her continued effort to ensure that the recommendations made were progressed in her new role.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Executive's response be noted;
- (2) That the Committee review progress made against the recommendations in twelve months time. .

13. THE EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE TO THE AGEING WELL REVIEW

The Executive Member, Community Health and Wellbeing and the Corporate Director for Communities and Wellbeing were joined by the Executive Member for Safe, Strong Communities in order to present the Executive's response to the Ageing Well review.

Members of the Committee were disappointed that a small number of the recommendations made had not been accepted by the Executive, and took the opportunity to ask questions of those present to understand the reasons for this.

The Corporate Director, Communities and Wellbeing advised the Committee that recommendation 14 had not been accepted as it was, on occasion, impracticable to advise all Councillors of consultations which were underway. It was noted that the corporate Communications team had a responsibility to do this. The Chairman requested that the Executive reconsider its reluctance to implement this recommendation and requested that the Executive Member, Transformation and Resources write to the Committee to respond to their request.

The Committee discussed recommendations 18 and 23 in light of older people being less able to use modern methods of communication and the need to monitor budget reductions of voluntary sector organisations. The Chairman advised the Committee that the latter issue would be considered as part of budget scrutiny.

Members considered recommendations 23 and 25, especially in relation to the reluctance to implement the recommendations. The Committee felt that a directory of services was important to provide residents with a catalogue of services available to them. The Corporate Director, Communities and Wellbeing would take the Committees comments back to the Local Strategic Partnership.

In response to recommendation 17, the Corporate Director, Communities and Wellbeing advised the Committee that home care was not commissioned by the minute for Trafford residents. It was noted that the approach which the Council takes to providing adult care is exemplary and that Trafford's approach is being shared with

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other Council's across the North West. Furthermore, the Council invests heavily in a commissioning-led approach in which officers meet with providers regularly to monitor services provided.

The Chairman thanked the Executive Members and the Corporate Director for attending the Committee and agreed that the action plan arising from the review would be monitored.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Executive's response be noted.
- (2) That the Committee review progress made against the recommendations in twelve months time.
- (3) That a response to the Committee's questions be provided to Members as soon as practicable.

14. NEW HEALTH DEAL FOR TRAFFORD: RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION

The Committee welcomed representatives from NHS Greater Manchester to the meeting to provide an update on the consultation in relation to the transformation of services currently being delivered from Trafford General Hospital.

The Assistant Director, Service Transformation for NHS Manchester gave an update on the consultation process to date, highlighting how they have sought to engage stakeholders. The Committee were advised that there had been an issue in relation to the distribution of consultation documents to every household in Trafford but this had been recognised and rectified. Moreover, the Davyhulme area had been further targeted due to the low number of responses received to date. Additionally, the Committee were provided with assurances about the independence in relation to the analysis of the responses and also how the consultation has been conducted through the Public Reference Group.

The Committee recognised that NHS Greater Manchester had acted as quickly as they could to rectify problems but Members expressed concern that this may have a detrimental impact on the consultation and the number of responses overall. On this theme, Members were concerned that the present number of responses, totalling 1361, was low. Whilst NHS Greater Manchester acknowledged that it was challenging to forecast the number of responses, they did advise Members that they were initially expecting between 3000 to 5000 responses in total. As a result, the question was asked as to whether NHS Greater Manchester should extend the consultation period. The Committee were advised that there were no plans to do this. They also commented that it was the role of the Public Reference Group to monitor the quality of the consultation.

The Committee discussed how certain groups, such as those with mental health difficulties, had been targeted and it was noted that NHS Greater Manchester had worked closely with advocacy organisations and developed jargon-free literature to

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support such groups to contribute their views.

The Committee also raised issues about the costs of the consultation process and highlighting the low number of attendees at the public consultation meetings held across the Borough. The Committee questioned why it was agreed to only deliver one response form to each household when a number of households have more than one resident. Members wished to understand why a series of scenarios had been placed on the consultation website during the consultation and how the organisation with responsibility for analysing the consultation had been procured.

Representatives from NHS Greater Manchester responded to the Committee's concerns by providing the costs of consultation. NHS Greater Manchester acknowledged the small number of public attendees at Partington and in the South of the Borough and would ensure that attendances would be accurately reflected in the report which was to be developed following the outcome of the consultation. Furthermore, it was reported that the delivery of one response form for each household was in line with national guidance on the conduct of consultations. In respect of the changing content on the consultation's website, attendees responded by advising the Committee that it was important to add value to the process where possible to aid the public's understanding of the proposals. The Committee was assured that the organisation used to analyse the findings were selected after a rigorous procurement exercise and had experience of consultation analysis of this nature.

Members discussed the sub regionally led Healthier Together programme and questioned NHS Greater Manchester as to why the New Health Deal consultation was being undertaken in isolation to this process. The Committee were advised that Healthier Together was not at the formal consultation stage and that there would be no detrimental effect on Trafford residents as a result of progressing the New Health Deal whilst work was underway with Healthier Together.

Following the conclusion of the discussion, Members discussed their response to the consultation and made a small number of amendments to the document which would be submitted to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee to be held on 29 October.

RESOLVED – That the local response to the consultation for submission to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee be agreed.

15. HEALTH SCRUTINY REGULATIONS CONSULTATION

Members considered, for their information, the Committee's response to the recent Department of Health consultation on amendments to the existing legislation in respect of health scrutiny.

RESOLVED – That the response be noted.

16. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE (NWAS)

The Committee considered, for their information, a letter from NWAS in respect of their estates review which included the closure of Stretford Ambulance Station.

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Members were advised that an informal meeting with NWAS took place in May 2012 to understand the rationale for the closure and whether it could have a detrimental impact on ambulance response times. Members were advised that the building was in a state of disrepair and required capital investment in order to bring it up to standard. Additionally, the Committee received information which suggested that the removal of the station and co-location of one ambulance to Stretford Police Station and the other to Salford Ambulance Station would not have a detrimental impact on Trafford residents. Furthermore, a press release on this issue which contained a quote from the Committee's Chairman was to be published shortly.

Members raised that NWAS offered to organise a visit to their Headquarters and Members agreed that this offer should be accepted and a visit organised as soon as practicable.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the letter be noted;
- (2) That officers organise a visit to NWAS headquarters as soon as practicable.

17. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members of the Committee and officers provided an update to the Committee on meetings that they had attended since the Committee's last meeting.

Cllr Harding reported that she had attended the AGM of NHS Trafford which discussed the organisation's financial position. She advised the Committee that she had requested information which was contained within a powerpoint slide but was not as part of the paperwork. The Committee's Chairman agreed to progress this request with NHS Trafford directly.

The Democratic Services Officer advised the Committee that she had attended the Greater Manchester Health Scrutiny Committee which covered the Healthier Together and Major Trauma Reconfiguration programmes of clinical redesign.

Cllr Butt advised the Committee that he had attended a Healthier Together pre-engagement session in Manchester and that information arising from the workshop would be distributed to all Members.

The Committee's Chairman and Vice Chairman reported to the Committee that they had recently met with the Clinical Commissioning Group and hoped to organise a joint event with them and the Health Scrutiny Committee before Christmas.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the information be noted;
- (2) That any information arising from the information exchange be provide to Members of the Committee as soon as practicable.

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18. OUTCOME OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMING WORKSHOP ON 10th OCTOBER AND AGREEMENT OF REVIEWS TO PROGRESS

The Committee received a report outlining the outcome of the recent work programming event held at Urmston Library. It featured the reviews which were to be progressed by the newly established Topic Groups.

Cllr Brophy advised the Committee that, due to other commitments, she wished to be replaced on the Topic Group which was to look at care of the elderly in hospitals. As a result of this, Cllr Harding requested to take the place of Cllr Brophy on the Topic Group.

RESOLVED

(1) That the report be noted;

(2) That the Committee note the change of membership to Topic Group C.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and finished at 9.03 p.m.