

Report from Greater Manchester Health Scrutiny Committee
Held on 13 September 2017

Rebecca Patel, Head of Engagement at The Christie Hospital gave the meeting an overview of Christies and said that the hospital is now accredited a Specialist Cancer Service and there is an ambition that it should be considered as one of the top five cancer hospitals in the world. Christies now operated on 10 sites and it finalising the Proton Beam Therapy Centre and the Integrated Procedures Unit, both of which will assist in the research and Development work taking place on site.

Mention was also made of the fire which took place on 26 April 2017 in the Pattison Building causing the Integrated Procedures Unit to be evacuated but work returned to normal within 2 days and the fire was contained in the roof.

NWAS

Continues to work to reduce the handover times to hospitals. A report was also given on the handling of the Manchester Arena incident in May 2017.

Lord Peter Smith

Discussed the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership which is looking at ways to change the NHS and the local care that it provides. They will be looking at how Health Care is commissioned and admitted that there is much too much bureaucracy involved. The way that CCG's are managed is also under review.

Further points to be considered/reviewed are:

Acute Hospital review

Clinical effects of Healthier Together

What works for patients

Mental Health – still considered to be the “Cinderella” service

Social Care – more money needed

Geriatrics – remain too long in hospital and often leave in a frailer condition than when admitted.

NHS is not good at Work Force planning – fewer nurses are applying for training as are A & E practitioners.

The next meeting will be on 8 November 2017