

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

23 JULY 2014

PRESENT

Councillor J. Lloyd (in the Chair), Mrs. P. Young (Vice-Chairman), J. Brophy, Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, R Chilton, J. Harding, B. Shaw, S. Taylor, Mrs. V. Ward and A. Mitchell (ex-Officio)

In attendance

Peter Forrester – Democratic and Performance Services Manager

Also in attendance

Dr Jonathan Berry (Clinical Champion, Primary Care)
Gina Lawrence (Chief Operating Officer, Trafford CCG)
Paul Hulme (Trafford CCG)
Anne Day (Chair, Trafford Healthwatch)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K. Procter

1. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE 2014/15

RESOLVED – That it be noted that Councillors Lloyd and Patricia Young had been appointed by Council at its meeting on 11th June 2014 as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of this committee for the municipal year 2014/15.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE 2014/15

RESOLVED – That the Membership of this committee, as appointed by Council at its meeting on 11th June 2014, be noted.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE 2014/15

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference for this committee, as agreed by Council at its meeting on 11th June 2014, be noted.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. 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 by Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

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Councillor Harding in relation to her employment by Self Help Services.
Councillor R.Chilton in relation to his employment within the General Medical Council.
Councillor Mrs. Bruer-Morris, in relation to her employment within the NHS.

6. HEALTHIER TOGETHER - CONSULTATION

The Committee received a detailed presentation on the Healthier Together consultation process from Dr Jonathan Berry and Gina Lawrence of Trafford CCG. The Committee also received a copy of the consultation document.

The presentation set out the purpose of the consultation, an overview of the current thinking about the proposals to reconfigure services and work that has been on-going in Trafford.

The presentation set out proposals for the services to be provided at general hospitals and those to be provided at a smaller number of specialist hospitals. Dr Berry stated that 8 options were being put forward and that decisions about the number and location of the specialist hospitals was still to be decided. The purpose of the consultation was to gather views on the proposals.

The Committee asked a number of questions about patient experience and services provided to residents of Trafford including integrated services, accident and emergency service provision and capacity to meet demand. Gina Lawrence and Dr Berry gave assurances that the proposals were intended to improve services and that they were clinically led.

The Committee asked questions about the South Sector review which seemed to be happening outside of the Healthier Together review. Gina Lawrence and Dr Berry said that any proposals arising from the South Sector review would align with the Healthier Together process and that any changes would be subject to consultation. The Committee expressed concerns that the public would not be able to respond effectively to the consultation as they were unaware of the South Sector review.

The Committee were informed that the Greater Manchester Health Scrutiny Committee was acting as the Joint Committee for the purposes of consultation and that Councillor Young was the Council's representative on the GM Committee. However, the Committee was free to make their own comments on the proposals.

The Chairman thanked Dr Berry and Gina Lawrence for their presentation and said that the Committee would consider the matter again at their September meeting.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted and that the matter be considered at the September meeting of the Committee.

7. CCG PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee received a copy of a the Trafford CCG performance report from 24th June which outlined the performance challenges at the CCG's two main acute providers, University Hospital South Manchester (UHSM) and Central Manchester

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Foundation Trust (CMFT). The paper also provided an update in relation to quality issues for commissioned providers.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted

8. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee considered the report approved by Council about the arrangements for Scrutiny Committees following the abolition of the Topic Group Chairman role at the Annual Meeting on 11 June.

The report set out the future model of operation which was based around the principle that Scrutiny Committees should be flexible in their approach and consider issues at the most appropriate and relevant time. The report suggested that Scrutiny Committees should prepare an overview work programme for the year. This would include any significant items on the horizon and any follow up issues. However, the work programme should provide sufficient capacity for ad hoc and current issues to be added to the agenda as and when they arise.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman suggested that this item should be considered at the next meeting of the Committee given that there was limited time to consider the programme in the time remaining at this meeting.

RESOLVED - That the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

9. HEALTH SCRUTINY REGULATIONS - GUIDANCE

The Committee received a copy of Health Scrutiny Guidance that had recently been issued by the Department of Health. The Democratic and Performance Services Manager gave a brief overview of the requirements in particular around proposals for substantial variations of health services.

RESOLVED: That the guidance be noted.

10. NW AMBULANCE SERVICE - QUALITY ACCOUNTS

The Chairman reported that she and the Vice Chairman had submitted a response to the NW Ambulance Trust on their annual Quality Accounts.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

11. SPECIALISED CANCER SERVICES

The Committee received a report from NHS England seeking to engage with the Committee on the proposed redesign of specialised cancer services. The report stated that the purpose of the review was to improve outcomes of treatment, enhance patients' experience and ensure safe and sustainable services are provided within Greater Manchester and East Cheshire.

The Committee were asked to note the consultation document and to ask NHS colleagues to attend the September meeting to provide a more detailed briefing.

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RESOLVED - That NHS England attend the next meeting to present the report.

12. HEALTHWATCH ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee were informed that Healthwatch Trafford had published its first annual report. The report set out details of the activity of Healthwatch over the past year and the key challenges and developments for the future.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

13. JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the 7 April 2014 were circulated to the Committee. The Committee were informed that the next meeting of the Joint Committee was due to be held in early September and that the date of the meeting would be confirmed shortly.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 9.10 pm