

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT

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

In attendance

Diane Eaton	Joint Director for Adults (Social Care)
Peter Forrester	Democratic and Performance Services Manager
Rhys Hughes	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Higgins

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of personal interests were reported to the meeting:

Councillor Brophy in relation to her employment within the NHS and membership of the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.

Councillor Bruer-Morris in relation to her employment within the NHS.

Councillor Chilton in relation to his employment by General Medical Council.

Councillor Harding in relation to her employment by a mental health charity.

Councillor Lloyd in relation to her employment with the Stroke Association.

Councillor Procter in relation to his wife's employment with Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Taylor in relation to her employment within the NHS.

27. INTEGRATED CARE UPDATE

The Joint Director for Adults (Social Care) attended the meeting and provided an update on the implementation of the Integrated Care programme for health and social services. The programme was designed to integrate services through a system of close co-operation and data sharing in order to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions

A Service Delivery Model was outlined which was based on four geographic areas within Trafford, with North, West, South and Central district integrated neighbourhood teams anchored by a 'One Door' 24hr Central Assessment Service consisting of IV therapy, rapid response, an emergency duty team, urgent care, single point of access and hospital teams. The Committee highlighted that the implementation was still in the early stages with benefits not yet being realised.

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In response to questions posed by the Committee, the Joint Director stated that financial savings through the model were targeted at 3.5%, and confirmed the key role that GPs would play in facilitating communication with patients. The Joint Director also shared the Committee's concerns that there were currently insufficient numbers of beds for intermediate care, and stated that addressing the shortage was a high priority.

The Chairman acknowledged that the deflection of patients from Accident & Emergency services would be very difficult until the Integration of Care programme was properly implemented, with all services in place, and that the Committee would need to monitor the impact of this.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the update be noted;
- 2) That details of how quickly patient information is made available to GPs, and how this will be monitored, be provided to the Committee;
- 3) That a list of pharmacists in Trafford signed up to the Greater Manchester Minor Ailments Scheme be provided to the Committee;
- 4) That further information on the procurement process for the Patient Co-ordination Centre be provided to the Committee;
- 5) That the Committee continue to monitor the impact of the Integration of Care.

28. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE RESPONSE PERFORMANCE

The Vice Chairman provided an update from a recent meeting held between a delegation of Health Scrutiny Committee Members and representatives of the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) on 27th November. This had been the latest in a series of meetings held with NWAS in order to identify potential reasons for relatively slower ambulance response times in Trafford compared with other Greater Manchester boroughs. The Vice Chairman reported that Members were still unsatisfied with the reasons given.

Following a discussion of factors affecting response times and what the Committee could do to improve this, it was agreed that the Committee would write to NWAS setting out their concerns and asking for an action plan to address this.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the update be noted;
- 2) That a letter setting out the Committee's concerns be sent to NWAS.

29. DISTRICT NURSING IN TRAFFORD

Councillor R. Chilton provided an update from his meeting the previous evening with representatives of Pennine Care NHS Trust's Trafford Division, which had been organised to address concerns raised in relation to the provision of district nursing in Trafford and to explore options by which the Committee could support improvements. The Trust were said to be conducting a joint review of district nursing with Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group, and had indicated that they would be happy to provide rolling feedback from the review.

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Councillor Chilton suggested that Members might be interested in visiting the operational base for district nursing, and Councillors Mrs A. Bruer-Morris and Mrs V. Ward expressed their interest in attending this.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the update be noted; and
- 2) That a visit be arranged to the district nursing operational base for Trafford at the Meadway Health Centre in Sale.

30. GREATER MANCHESTER HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Vic Chairman gave an update from the recent Greater Manchester Health Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26th October. The Healthier Together consultation had now concluded but no decision on the future of the University Hospital of South Manchester was anticipated until after the General Election in May 2015. In the discussion, Members raised concerns about the consultation process.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the update be noted; and
- 2) That the Healthier Together Post Consultation Reach and Engagement Report be circulated to Members of the Committee.

31. UPDATES ON HEALTH ISSUES

The Democratic and Performance Services Manager gave a brief update of various health issues relevant to the Committee, and directed Members to a series of information papers. These included the Council's response to the Healthier Together consultation, the minutes of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 2 September 2014 and Trafford CCG's latest performance report.

It was noted that the item on Dignity in Care originally anticipated to be considered at the meeting had been deferred to the Committee's next meeting on 4th March to fit in with the Trafford Health and Wellbeing Board's timescales. Members were also asked to note that the next Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting was scheduled for 27th January.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.15 pm