

## North Yorkshire County Council

### Scrutiny of Health Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Regen Centre, Riccall, Selby on 5 September 2014.

**Present:-**

**Members:-**

County Councillor Jim Clark (in the Chair); County Councillors Philip Barratt, David Billing, Liz Casling, John Clark, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, John Ennis, Cliff Lunn (substitute for Val Arnold), Shelagh Marshall OBE, Patrick Mulligan, Chris Pearson and David Simister.

**Co-opted Members:-**

District Council Members:- Peter Bardon (Hambleton), Kay McSherry (Selby), John Raper (Ryedale), Jane Mortimer (Scarborough), John Roberts (Craven), and Ian Galloway (Harrogate).

**In attendance:-**

North Yorkshire County Council: Executive Member County Councillor Clare Wood and County Councillor Brian Marshall.

Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust: Adele Coulthard, Director of Operations  
Healthwatch: David Ita

Partnership Commissioning Unit: Janet Probert Director of Partnership Commissioning

Leeds & York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust: Lynn Parkinson Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Jill Copeland, Chief Operating Officer

Harrogate & Rural District Clinical Commissioning Group: Rachel Potts and John Pattinson, Director of Quality

Harrogate & District Hospitals Trust: Joanne Crewe Operational Director

County Council Officers: Bryon Hunter (Scrutiny Team Leader), Jane Wilkinson (Legal & Democratic Services) Henry Blackett, Henry Cheung and Richard Seddon (Business Support), and Wendy Balmain (Health & Adult Services).

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Val Arnold and Heather Moorhouse,

3 members of the press and public.

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**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

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**52. Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2014 be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**53. Chairman's Announcements**

- Community and Out of Hours Services - Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG – Formal procurement now commenced, successful bidder to be announced by 4 March 2015, new contract effective as from 1 July 2015
- Appointment of new Chief Executive, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust – An introductory meeting had taken place between the Chairman and Dr Ros Tolcher who was keen to establish a close working relationship with the Committee.
- Working relationships in Craven Area - The Chairman was keen to develop closer links with Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG and was looking to hold a meeting with Dr Colin Renwick and a representative of the Commissioning Support Unit to discuss reporting arrangements and local healthcare developments. A Member from the Craven area requested that the Committee be presented with a workplan and timetable at its next meeting.
- National Review of Congenital Heart Disease (Adults & Children) – Consultation to run from 15 Sept to 8 December 2014. A provisional meeting date of 17 October 2014 had been agreed for the Yorkshire & Humber Joint Committee which was now chaired by Leeds City Councillor Debra Coupar
- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – The Trust's financial situation had been the subject of an investigation by Monitor. In response the Trust had devised action plans to address concerns raised. At the meeting of the Committee on 7 November 2014 members would receive a comprehensive briefing from Tricia Hart the Chief Executive of the Trust.
- York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Monitor had announced a formal investigation into the Trust's compliance with its licence following breaches in patient waiting times.

#### **54. Public Questions or Statements**

There were no general public questions or statements from members of the public concerning issues not on the agenda.

#### **Resolved**

That the requirement to give three days' notice is waived and those Members of the public present at the meeting who wish to speak on items listed on the agenda will be invited to do so during consideration of that item.

#### **55. Healthwatch Update**

Before inviting David Ita, Partnership Coordinator at Healthwatch North Yorkshire to give a presentation the Chairman informed the Committee that in August he had attended the Healthwatch AGM where he had met the new Chair, Sir Michael Carlisle. The Committee noted both Chairs were keen to work together to give the public a voice. Members of the Committee supported the Chairman's intention to invite Healthwatch to become a standing item on all future agenda.

David Ita, then summarised the feedback Healthwatch had received in respect of hospital discharge, GP Out of Hours Service, carer support, pharmacy and dentistry. Tabled at the meeting were copies of 'Have your Say' schedules which listed comments made by the public in respect of healthcare services described in the presentation. Also tabled was a document which contained a statistical analysis of the said comments. David Ita offered to bring a similar report to every meeting and to respond to questions from Members.

Members endorsed the need for the Committee to work with Healthwatch and to be kept informed of public feedback and of any areas of concern. Members said it would be helpful if future reports could contain details of the work programme for Healthwatch volunteers.

In summing up the Chairman thanked David Ita for his attendance and looked forward to receiving regular reports in the future.

**Resolved –**

That the information presented at the meeting be noted.

**56. Mental Health Developments in the area of North Yorkshire covered by Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**

Considered -

The Scrutiny Team Leader, Bryon Hunter introduced a covering report that provided contextual background information on the national and local position of mental health services. Members noted that mental health services in Craven area were provided by Bradford District Care Trust and would be the subject of a separate report at a later date.

The Committee was then guided through the following presentations:-

- Wendy Balmain NYCC Assistant Director – Health & Adult Services described how national policy was being used to shape local service delivery. She outlined work the Health & Wellbeing Board was doing on access to services, integrated delivery, implementation of the crisis care concordat and parity between mental and physical health.
- Janet Probert Director of the Partnership Commissioning Unit described how providers in North Yorkshire were seeking to reconfigure community and primary care mental health services. Latest research indicated that 1 in 4 people would suffer from mental health problems at some stage in their life and therefore the ability to access in-patient care was only the tip of the iceberg. She drew Members attention to the 'Discover' initiative referred to in the covering report and offered to report the findings to a future meeting of the Committee.
- Jill Copeland, Chief Operating Officer Leeds & York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust referred to the covering report and highlighted developments at Bootham Park Hospital, and the Lime Trees Unit in York. She also advised the Committee of the review the Trust was conducting of its Cognitive Impairment and Dementia Services.
- Adele Couthard, Director of Operations, Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust outlined a number of service developments summarised in a document headed 'September 2014 - update' that was tabled at the meeting. A number of photographs of completed refurbished facilities were shown at the meeting to demonstrate build quality and the Trust's level of investment.

The Committee commented as follows:-

- Commended the work being done to modernise mental health services including the role that the community has in shaping the future services and endorsed the approach being taken
- Highlighted the need for diagnosis rates to be improved and expressed support for GPs to receive specialist advice and training
- Highlighted the need for further work to identify care pathways and prioritise links between physical and mental health

Members referred to the government task force looking at improving child mental health services and the commissioning arrangements for CAMHS and asked what was being done in North Yorkshire. The Committee was advised that this work was still in the early stages of implementation and that perhaps the Committee might want to do more in-depth work in this area. This suggestion was welcomed by Members.

A member of the public said he was heartened by what he had heard that day and made a plea for elected members to continue to exert influence over the wider determinants of health such as housing and leisure. Members were keen to maintain an overview of mental health but recognised that the enormous scale of the topic meant this was impractical and beyond the capacity of the Committee.

The Scrutiny Team Leader suggested that the Committee should focus on the key points identified during the discussion which he then summarised. Members supported this approach.

#### **Resolved –**

That the content of the presentations be noted.

That the Committee endorses the "Discover" initiative by Vale of York CCG and looks forward to being further involved and receiving an update on consultation/engagement in due course.

That the Committee endorses:-

- developments at Bootham Park Hospital - including the relocation of Ward 6 (older people's ward) to Cherry House in York.
- the relocation of CAMHS in-patient services from Limes Trees to Mill Lodge in York.
- the review of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia Services.

by Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

That the Committee endorses developments described in the presentation by Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and looks forward to receiving further updates in due course.

That in any emerging Mental Health Strategy it is vital that services delivered in primary care, and the voluntary/community sector ensure that the support given to families and carers features as strongly as it does for in-patient care.

That the outcome of the Government Task Force looking at CAMHS be reported to the Committee in the New Year and that the report also includes details of how this work is to be taken forward locally.

That a report covering developments in mental health services in the Craven area of North Yorkshire is to be submitted to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

**57. Harrogate and District Community Healthcare Services Review: Position Statement**

**County Councillor John Ennis advised that although not a disclosable pecuniary interest he wished it to be recorded that he was a governor a Harrogate District Hospital.**

Considered -

The joint report of John Pattinson, Director of Quality/Executive Nurse, Harrogate and Rural District Clinical Commissioning Group and Joanne Crewe, Operational Director, Harrogate and District Hospitals Trust highlighting work being undertaken to develop community healthcare services in the Harrogate locality.

In speaking to the report John Pattinson and Joanne Crewe said a series of engagement events were being planned following publication of the review findings. Members were advised that a full copy of the report into the review findings was available upon request, and that a copy of the Executive Summary had already been given to the Scrutiny Team Leader. Assurances were given that whilst integration presented the biggest challenge, community services would in future be aligned to the Better Care Fund and the Joint Health & Well Being Strategy and that the Trust was committed to partnership working. In response to questions the Committee was advised that a copy of the engagement programme would be provided once finalised.

The Chairman enquired about progress of the 'Healthy Ripon' project and was advised that the Clinical Commissioning Group was awaiting information about the site before proceeding further.

**Resolved -**

That the report and information provided at the meeting be noted and that further updates on progress of the review be referred to a future meeting..

**58. Work Programme**

Considered -

The report of Bryon Hunter, Scrutiny Team Leader inviting comments from Members on the content of the Committee's programme of work scheduled for future meetings.

With reference to attendance by Tricia Hart, Chief Executive of South Tees Hospitals NHS FT Trust at the November meeting the Chairman requested that a similar invitations be extended to the Chief Executive of York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

A Member requested that the Committee look at the peripheral services being commissioned by clinical commissioning groups on a pan county basis such as 'village agents'.

**Resolved -**

That the content of the work programme and schedule are agreed and noted.

The meeting concluded at 12.35pm.