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## **HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**15 September 2011**

**Present:-** Councillor D Becket – in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper, Mrs Johnson and Loades

322. \* **MINUTES OF MEETING**

That the minutes of the meeting of this committee held on 18 July 2011 be approved as a correct record.

323. \* **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Loades declared that he was the Chair of the Link for the area.

324. \* **CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT**

Councillor Becket reported that the County Scrutiny Committee had met once and would meet again on 16 September 2011 and again at the end of September.

Councillor Becket had attended the Staffordshire Health Scrutiny Committee for four meetings in Stafford and one at the UHNS.

The committee had:-

- Commented on the Carers Consultation
- Expressed concern on the Health Profile for Newcastle and requested further information (this has arrived today and will be debated tomorrow).
- Arranged a meeting with UHNS staff to review and monitor the move to the new hospital.
- Will meet UHNS staff later to review the consultant issue.
- Are preparing comment on the Mental Health Consultation.
- Requesting further information on Cardiac Rehabilitation in Newcastle, the chairman has already expressed concern to NHS staff.
- The chairman has taken up GP access, which is likely to come before the committee later.
- Are noting the review of Major Trauma services and will support the options that retain a service in UHNS. One of these is the preferred option of the consultants.

Councillor Becket advised that he would be unable to attend the Health Scrutiny Accountability session run by the North Staffs Combined Health Care NHS Trust at Moorlands House, Leek as did Councillor Miss Cooper. However, Councillor Loades was hopeful he could attend.

Commenting on the Mental Health Service, Councillor Becket advised that he would have liked a summary of achievements and issues rather than statistics which were not comparative. Councillors Loades and Miss Cooper advised that they had not received the information from the County and Councillor Becket said he would take Phase 2 Points to the County Scrutiny Committee.

Mr Pearson said that officers had struggled regarding the amount of detail to present. The indicators were linked to the Cure Quality Commission Standards. Officers wanted reports to be relevant and understandable and were happy to receive a steer. They were also happy to attend a meeting outside the specially arranged one.

The Trust AGM is to be held on 21 September 2011. Councillors Becket and Loades would be sending their apologies.

There is to be a meeting of the North Staffs NHS at 1.15pm in the Medical Institute Building at Hartshill on 29 September 2011. Councillors Becket, Miss Cooper and Loades would be attending.

Councillor Becket noted the A&E visit undertaken by the County Scrutiny Committee where they learned that there was a higher level of admittance through the emergency (ambulance) channel than any other hospital. This raised concerns that poor access to the GP Service may be a cause.

325. \* **NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE COMBINED HEALTHCARE CONSULTATION ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Mr David Pearson, Executive Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals made a presentation on the above consultation. He set out why there was a need to change:-

- The proposed changes in Phase One (being the transfer of services and the roll-out of the Older People Mental Health Rapid Response Pilot) and the proposed results.
- The early feedback from the Phase One consultations to date (broadly supportive but with concerns about the move from in to outcare).
- The next steps (consultation closes 28 October report to the Strategic Health Authority in November).
- The proposed Phase 2 consultation (most likely in the spring).

The Chair invited the members of the Committee to put in their own responses separately. The committee's view would be discussed at the next meeting on 29 September.

Councillor Loades commented that the transport issues (questions of the consultation documents refers) were important.

**Resolved:** That the information be received.

326. \* **UPDATE FROM TONY BULLOCK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING REGARDING THE HEALTH PROFILE OF THE BOROUGH**

Tony Bullock and Jackie Small of NHS North Staffs provided indicators and explained them.

Infant mortality – small numbers not statistically significant. Position had improved since 2009.

NHS North Staffs were working to improve lifestyles.

Councillors asked for the 2010/11 data.

Councillor Miss Cooper noted difficulties of obtaining the smoking support packages (Quitkits). This project was no longer being operated.

All GPs, pharmacies and specialist workers ran to support smoking cessation.

Pregnancy smoking scheme – if you smoke and are pregnant you are referred when you present to the midwife. A test is used when the patient denies smoking.

There had been local marketing which had not been as effective as hoped and there was now face to face training with professionals (police, social services, GP fire, GP main sources, school advisors).

Smoking was NHS North Staffs number 1 priority.

Councillors asked for comparisons over time. There was a reduction of 50% in the 1980s a big drop then steady reduction for the last few years.

There were a number of national initiatives.

The committee wanted to encourage work with primary school children.

Councillors queried whether breastfeeding tuition was available from midwives and asked for quarterly updates.

It was suggested that the LAP could assist with physically active children. The Committee welcomed the Jubilee 2. It was hoped the PCT would be involved in publicity to vulnerable groups.

On teenage pregnancies it was noted that the NHS was working with pharmacies, schools (emergency contraception) and families.

**Resolved:-** (a) That the initiatives be noted and further information be brought to the Committee at a future date to enable evaluation of them.

(b) That the integration of the health service with the Council's leisure service especially Jubilee 2 be supported.

(c) That the health check programme introduced in November 2010 be supported

(d) That the Committee receive a presentation on health education in school.

(e) That where applicable recommendations regarding health work be referred to local LAPs.

(f) That the recommendations be forwarded to the County Health Scrutiny Committee and to Ms Small and Mr Bullock.

**327. \* CARDIAC REHABILITATION SCRUTINY REVIEW**

The Committee requested a response from Tracy Shewan regarding the report by the County Health Scrutiny Committee. It was suggested that the Council commission the LiNK to do a report into cardiac rehabilitation (through Jackie Owen LiNK Staffordshire).

The Committee felt that the health services co-ordination with leisure was lacking and an opportunity now existed with the Jubilee 2 centre. Staffing was a major cause of concern.

**Resolved:-** That the LiNK be requested to produce a report regarding Cardiac Rehabilitation in North Staffordshire.

**328. \* UPDATE ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE INTERVENTIONAL NEURORADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NORTH STAFFS**

**Resolved:-** (a) That the report and appendices be received and noted

(b) That the Chief Executive or the University Hospital of North Staffs briefing of 5 September be circulated to all members of the committee.

**329. \* REVIEW OF MAJOR TRAUMA SERVICES**

Fear North Staffs will lose staff due to outcome of Stafford – this will balance that. i.e. trauma specialism is a retention tool.

It was requested that the email from Councillor Mrs Johnson to Julia Cleary to be forwarded to all members of this committee (re: Mental Health Consultation: Pilot Project)

Congratulations were given on the new agenda.

It was requested that alcohol abuse be on the next agenda. Ask Staffs if they have any information.

**Resolved:-** (a) That the report be noted and a decision be made regarding how to progress with scrutiny or the review of major trauma services.

(b) That a letter be written to Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee to support Option 1, particularly support the gateway to services especially the helicopter pad. Removal of trauma will be detrimental to the University Hospital loss of staff could lose status of hospital.

**D BECKET  
Chair**