

REPORT OF THE  
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
PART II

**224. INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND TAKEN**

The Committee continues to receive and respond to inquiries about NHS services from County Councillors and partners. At the meeting on 27 September 2011 the following key items were considered:

**A. Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospitals Trust: Acquisition of Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust**

1. The Chief Executive of Basingstoke and North Hampshire Foundation Trust provided a presentation on progress towards the acquisition of Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust and the emerging thinking about the future clinical model of care. The anticipated benefits of merging the two organisations would be the retention and development of services for local people across mid and north Hampshire. Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust was not in a position to achieve Foundation trust status in its own right and the merger would ensure that both Trusts were clinically and financially sustainable in the longer term. The merger offered a good opportunity to provide a single integrated service across three main hospital locations as well as providing some services closer to people's homes.

2. The catchment population across the two Trusts once the merger was complete would be 600,000, with a total turnover of £300 million. It is anticipated that the merger will be formalised in early January 2012 and an early priority will be to ensure that the new organisation is financially stable by reducing duplication in some non-clinical areas. Changes to clinical services may be considered in the longer term however this will be planned with the clinicians and key stakeholders affected, including elected Members.

3. The Committee will continue to monitor progress with the acquisition and will receive a further update in March 2012.

**B. Calleva Clinical Commissioning Group: Odiham Cottage Hospital-progress with model of care**

1. The Calleva Clinical Commissioning Group confirmed the progress with the development of the preferred model of care for community health services in the Odiham area, following partnership working with key stakeholders. This had proved to be a more complex and time consuming task than originally thought, however a 'shared view' was now emerging and being progressed. A 'tripartite' leadership team consisting of a lead GP, a social worker and community matron was in process of being formed.

2. NHS Hampshire has confirmed the funding available to support this work and the Trustees of Odiham Cottage Hospital are in discussions about the future services to

be provided from the facility. It is anticipated that some services will be available at the Cottage Hospital from November 2011.

3. The Committee supported the progress made and will receive confirmation of the agreed model of care at its meeting on 29 November.

### **C. SHIP PCT: Hythe Community Hospital: progress with model of care**

1. The Committee received an update on progress with developing a model of care for Hythe Hospital from Councillor Brian Dash, the lead Member supporting this work and Mr John Carr, Chairman of Hythe Hospital League of Friends. The progress made in identifying suitable inpatient beds at a local nursing home that was close to Hythe Hospital was confirmed and it was agreed that this would allow local stakeholders to concentrate on the development of the ambulatory services to be provided from the Hythe Hospital site. The beds will be funded by the NHS.

2. NHS Hampshire and GP Commissioners confirmed their commitment to progressing this work to ensure that the services provided from Hythe Community Hospital would be enhanced to allow this facility to be a vibrant hub for the area in the future. The Committee supported the view that the range of services that were being considered for the Hythe Hospital site represented a significant development for the community and supported the proposal that the planning process should proceed.

3. Councillor Dash agreed to continue to take the lead for this work on behalf of the Committee and a progress report will be provided in March 2012.

### **D. Hampshire HOSC: continuing care follow-up**

1. The Committee held a joint seminar with Members of the Safe and Healthy People Select Committee on the 7 November. This highlighted a number of issues that the Committee considered would benefit from a more in-depth review. This work will be taken forward in 2012 as part of the Committee's work programme.

## **225. PROPOSALS TO VARY OR DEVELOP NHS SERVICES**

The Committee is continuing to receive proposals from the NHS to substantially vary or change the provision of health services. At its last meeting on 27 September 2011 consideration was given to the following items:

### **A. National Specialist Commissioning Board: Reconfiguration of Children's Heart Surgery Services - to agree the HOSC response to the national team**

1. The Committee has responded to the national team taking forward this work setting out a range of issues that need to inform the final decision. It was noted that clinical advice had been provided that confirmed that the Southampton Centre had to be retained if the standards for paediatric intensive care retrieval were to be met. Additionally the analysis of the public consultation indicated that there was strong professional support for the option that included the retention of the Southampton

Centre. The Committee was clear that it would challenge any decision that failed to take these factors into account.

**B. South Central Strategic Health Authority: Review of Stroke, Major Trauma and Vascular Services.**

1. The Committee expressed strong reservations about the content of the document produced by the Strategic Health Authority in relation to these services and the way it had been presented. Although a significant amount of clinical evidence is available to support the recommendations in the engagement paper this information had not been included in the documents. The case for major trauma reconfiguration had been made previously, therefore it was not clear what the changes relating to stroke would mean for local people and the concerns expressed about the proposals for vascular services had not been addressed.

2. The Committee agreed that a detailed response should be made to the report authors requiring that additional information be provided and confirmation of the next steps in taking this work forward. This issue will continue to be closely monitored by the Committee.

**226.** Further details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Inquiries received and action taken (search item reference 3302)
- Proposals to vary or develop NHS services (search item reference 3303)

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