

AT A MEETING of the HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 27 July 2010.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Pat West

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Liz Fairhurst

Councillors:

P Ray Bolton	p David Harrison
p Ann Buckley	p David Keast
p Rita Burgess	p Roz Muschamp
p Keith Chapman	p Pam Mutton
p Brian Collin	Angela Roling
p Phryn Dickens	p John Wall
p Peter Edgar	
p Liz Fairhurst	

Co-opted Members:

Councillors:

a Marion Kerley
p Ray Love
p John Marsh
p Dennis Wright

Also in attendance: Councillor Felicity Hindson, MBE, Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Tom Smith, Chairman, Hampshire LINK

33. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that, where they believed that they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should normally, at the time of the debate, declare their interest, and having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Code.

The following members declared a personal interest:

Cllr Brian Collin	Wife employed by NHS
Cllr Phryn Dickens	Husband and son employed by NHS
Cllr Peter Edgar	Does work for NHS
Cllr David Harrison	Employed by NHS
Cllr Marion Kerley	Member, League of Friends, Andover WMH
	Member, League of Friends, Romsey Hospital
	Trustee, Andover and District Medical Fund

Cllr Ray Love	President, Romsey Hydrotherapy Arthritic Group
	Trustee of Winchester Area Community Action
	where Winchester Befrienders are based
Cllr Pam Mutton	Daughter employed by NHS
	Member, League of Friends, Andover WMH
Cllr Pat West	Daughter-in-law employed by NHS
Cllr Dennis Wright	Wife is a GP Practice Manager

28. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18 May 2010 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

29. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATION**

a. **Apologies**

Councillor Marion Kerley tendered her apologies.

b. **Co-opted Member**

Councillor Dennis Wright was welcomed back to the Committee following his nomination by HIOWLA to replace Councillor Peter Luffman.

c. **Other Committee appointments**

Councillor Liz Fairhurst was welcomed as the new vice Chairman, and Councillor Ray Bolton was welcomed as the member replacement for Councillor Anna McNair Scott who is now the vice Chairman of the County Council.

d. **Health highlights: June - July**

The Meadows Acute Inpatient Unit - Hampshire Partnership has advised that this unit has now been refurbished to allow for greater flexibility in the use of beds. There has been no change in access to inpatient facilities as a result of this work.

The Chairman attended the Healthy Accountability Forum at the Centre for Public Scrutiny on 21 June

The Oak Park Panel met with representatives of NHS Hampshire on 5 July to discuss progress with developments at Oak Park.

A meeting of the South Central HOSCs took place on 20 July, chaired by Cllr West. Members were alerted to a forthcoming consultation on Trauma services- this should not impact on our population.

South Central Ambulance Service Deployment Workshop took place in Newbury on 21 July.

e. **Additional tabled items**

Further to the additional information requested the last HOSC the following had been circulated

- Procedures not normally funded by the NHS
- Screening programmes provided by the NHS
- PCT expenditure allocation

Tabled items provided to the Committee can be accessed at:

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingssummary.htm?sta=0¤tpage=1&tab=1&date_ID=450

f. **For members' diaries**

The HOSC and Safe and Healthy people Select Committee will have a briefing on the Joint Mental Health Strategy after the meeting on 28 September.

RESOLVED:

That Members note the changes to the Committee.

30. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive presented the Committee's Work Programme (Item 4 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's Work Programme be approved subject to the issues raised at this meeting.

It was suggested that the Director of Public Health be invited to a future meeting to brief the Committee on the latest information provided by 'health profiles' across Hampshire and the implications for Health and Local Authorities, and for joint working.

31. **INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN**

The Chief Executive presented a report on enquiries received, the source of each enquiry and the action taken (Item 5 in the Minute Book). The enquiries related to:-

a. **NHS Hampshire: Delivering the 5 year strategy including projected sustainability plan for South East Hampshire (presentation)**

The presentation focused on the financial challenges facing the NHS in SE Hampshire. Examples were given where in the 10 year period from 2000 to 2010 NHS investment in the SE Hampshire area had increased from £116m to £350m. Over that same period waiting times had reduced on average from 18 months to 18 weeks. NHS Hampshire

also noted that patients have increased choice and improved access to services. During the next four years from 2009/10 to 2013/14 however there is expected to be a spending gap increasing from about £51m this year to potentially £230m in 2013/14 as a result of zero growth funding. To mitigate this costs need to be taken out of the system and greater efficiencies introduced into service delivery supported by smarter commissioning.

Members robustly questioned the presentation and sought assurances that at a time of such serious financial pressure that the budget for Public Health / health promotion would be safeguarded. This was affirmed.

It was questioned why Portsmouth City PCT was reportedly prepared to spend £18m on a new maternity unit at St. Mary's when modern facilities and capacity existed at the Queen Alexandra site at Cosham. An answer in writing was requested to be circulated to all HOSC Members.

Concern was expressed about how the pressure to reduce costs could affect the planning of health services in the Havant area (a later item on the agenda). It was responded that investment in re-ablement beds would be one area where funding would continue 'to flow'. Concerning investment in other resources in Havant, NHS Hampshire agreed to provide budgeted figures for community services in Havant.

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RESOLVED:

That Members be updated as plans are developed and on the success of actions taken.

b. Ambulance Performance: update

The Chief Executive reported that performance figures recently received from South Central Ambulance Service showed considerable variation, including poor performance in rural areas.

Members welcomed the Hampshire performance information provided by the South Central Ambulance Service, but it was noted that little information was available that specifically covered the North East of the County. This would be raised with SCAS.

Noting that 30% of 999 calls to SCAS were because of falls the Chairman proposed that this be the subject of the next in-depth review undertaken by the HOSC. This was agreed. The membership of the Review Panel comprised:

- Cllr Pat West (Chairman)
- Cllr Liz Fairhurst
- Cllr Phryn Dickens

- Cllr Pam Mutton

Cllr Felicity Hindson and Susanne Hasselmann (NHS Hampshire NED) would be invited as formal observers.

RESOLVED:

That the management of people who experience falls be the topic of the next formal review of the HOSC.

That the commissioners of ambulance services for Hampshire be requested to provide performance information for North East Hampshire in future reports

c. Access to services for homeless

A presentation summarised the excellent work undertaken by groups such as Winchester Befrienders who support people in the community with mental conditions to help them live independently. The importance of this provision was reported to be evidenced by research which concluded that all services providers see the need and want to begin referring.

RESOLVED:

That Members be invited to comment on the presentation or submit questions to Cllr Ray Love who would act as intermediary with Winchester Befrienders for this purpose.

d. End of Life Care

This presentation was jointly given by NHS Hampshire and Adult Services. It covered work on refreshing the strategy and the consultation to be undertaken when the first draft of the strategy is completed. Since the HOSC completed its review early in 2007 NHS Hampshire and all major stakeholders have jointly taken forward this work and it continues to be a focus of strong commitment by them. One of the issues highlighted in the HOSC review was concern about provision of equipment and the funding constraints under which the Joint Equipment Stores operated; the presentation demonstrated that the HOSC's influence has been instrumental in improving this aspect of the service.

Members were very pleased to receive the presentation, and it was agreed that any comments or questions arising from the presentation should be directed to the Chairman who would forward them to NHS Hampshire and the Adult Services representatives on the Steering Group.

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RESOLVED

That any questions or comments on the presentation be directed to the Chairman who would pass them on to the appropriate End of Life representative.

e. **Unscheduled Care (covering Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth)**

Members noted the summary provided of the vision and direction proposed in this presentation. The work was based on evidence that identified where current provision does not work well.

Due to time restrictions and the interest it had generated in the Committee it was proposed that a full briefing on this critical work be arranged to enable Members to fully engage with the complexities of the proposed model.

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RESOLVED

That the Committee give its support to the work being taken forward on the model for unscheduled care in the SHIP area.

That a briefing be arranged to include members of all HOSCs within the SHIP area.

32. **PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP OR VARY NHS SERVICES**

The Chief Executive presented a report on proposals to develop or vary health services in the area of the Committee (Item 6 in the Minute Book). He presented the report in two parts which comprised items for information which alerted the Committee to forthcoming proposals from the NHS to vary or change services, and items for action required by the Committee to respond to proposals from the NHS to substantially change or vary NHS services.

Under Items for information he gave details on:-

a. **Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Southampton and Southwest Hampshire**

The Chief Executive reported that a date had been arranged for the judicial review hearing into the fluoridation of drinking water in Southampton and southwest Hampshire.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee be briefed on the outcome of the hearing.

b. Joint Scrutiny of Therapy Services for Children with Special Educational Needs – final report

The Chairman thanked Councillor Anna McNair Scott for her work and Chairmanship of the Review Panel and its findings.

Councillor Anna McNair Scott spoke to the report and noted that Members would all have received it and be aware of the contents. She commended the report to the Committee and stressed the importance of the HOSC and the Children and Young People Select Committee in following up on the recommendations, and in particular that the HOSC should hold the NHS to account for its responsibilities in ensuring children receive the therapy they need, and in working positively in partnership with its Children's Services colleagues to that end.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee accept and endorse the final report of the Review Panel.

Under items requiring action he gave details on:-

c. Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Proposals to Modernise Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation and psychiatric Intensive Care

Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust reported that due to some unavoidable delays, they would be unable to report at this meeting to the Committee on the outcome of the consultation. This would instead be reported at the next meeting of the HOSC in September.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee be updated on the outcome of consultation and options considered at the 28 September meeting of the Committee.

d. NHS Hampshire – Proposals to Cease the Development of Oak Park Hospital, Havant

Members acknowledged the considerable work over a long period of time that had been undertaken by the PCT in engaging with the Havant population.

NHS Hampshire confirmed that progress has been made with identifying viable alternatives to the services planned at Oak Park Community Hospital in part facilitated by closer working with the County Council. Of the four key areas of concern to the Committee, members were encouraged to hear that potential options were emerging for diagnostics, ambulatory services and urgent care. In addition the concept of a well being campus that includes extra care housing appeared to offer positive solutions for in-patient services in the Havant area.

It was acknowledged that older people's mental health provision still requires further work to clarify what the best solution might be, although a mix of approaches, including community based and in-reach services could form elements of the service provided.

It was agreed that there was greater clarity about the emerging options and the preferences of the community. This would inform the NHS Hampshire board's decision in September. The Committee felt that opportunity existed to introduce innovative and integrated delivery of health and social care in Havant, and stressed the importance of a clear vision of services for this community. Members were encouraged to see how close a resolution appeared to be but there was some frustration that a number of technical issues remained outstanding. Additional information was required with regard to urgent care services and the provision of local beds for older people with mental health problems. Confirmation that the necessary funding streams were in place to support these services was also necessary. Without this information it was not possible for the HOSC to come to a view about whether the alternatives identified were in the interests of the community affected.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee be updated on the development of the business case and decision of the NHS Hampshire Board.

That the Committee be kept updated on the detailed engagement with stakeholders and timeframes for full implementation of the proposed services that would equal or exceed those originally planned for the Oak Park development.

Chairman, 27 July 2010