

**HEALTH AND ADULTS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Monday 7th July 2014**

PRESENT – Councillors O’Keeffe (Chair), Riley, Whittle, D.Smith, H.Akhtar
Jacqueline Slater, Hardman and K.Foster.

Also Present –

Cllr Mohammad Khan	Executive Member for Health and Adults services
Martin Eden	Director of Culture, Leisure, Sport and Young People
Heather Taylor	Head of Service Committee Support
Steve Tingle	Director of Adult Social Care
Ben Aspinall	Head of Democratic Services
Sonya Palmer	Scrutiny Officer
Dominic Harrison	Director of Public Health
Alistair Rose	Project Director–Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Antonysamy	Consultant Psychiatrist & Clinical Network Director- Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust
Emma Foster	Adult Community Services Network Director-Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

RESOLUTIONS

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2014. Apologies were received from Councillors Humphrys, Hollings and Brookfield.

RESOLVED –

That apologies be noted from Councillors Humphrys, Hollings and Brookfield.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 26th February 2014

The Committee agreed that the Minutes of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26th February 2014 be received as a correct record.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

4. Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

The Chair welcomed three senior representatives from the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to the meeting to provide an update on the Pennine Lancashire Mental Health Inpatient Unit.

Members were reminded that as part of the Lancashire wide public consultation in 2006 it was recommended that there should be an alternative to hospital admission for people with mental illness and that the standard of existing facilities were no longer fit for purpose and needed to be replaced.

As a result of the consultation four new inpatient units are being provided:

- The Orchard, Lancaster (18 beds), opened in June 2014
- The Harbour, Blackpool (154 beds), will open in March 2015
- East Lancashire Site (72 beds), will open 2016/17
- Central Lancashire Site (18 Beds), will open 2017

The Committee were advised that the new East Lancashire site would replace the current mental health inpatient unit 'Pendleview' currently based at Royal Blackburn Hospital and 'Ward 22' currently based at Burnley General Hospital.

Members were updated on key dates for the East Lancashire site (subject to approvals):

- September 2014 – Planning application submission
- Autumn 2014 – Land purchase option negotiated
- Spring 2015 – Start on site
- 2015-16 – Gradual reduction of inpatient beds in Burnley wards
- 2016/17 – Building works completed, unit becomes operational. Beds from Pendleview and the remaining Burnley beds transfer across to the new site.

At this point Councillor Dave Smith declared an interest as Chair of the Planning Committee and Councillor Jackie Slater as a member of the Planning Committee if the planning application arose.

Members were advised that once the move to the new East Lancashire site was complete the existing beds at Pendleview and Ward 22 would close.

Mr Rose informed Members that the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has engaged, and would continue to engage with the Committee as well as Lancashire County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committees to update Members at key milestones. Engagement was also ongoing with MP's in East Lancashire and briefings are being delivered to Ward Councillors. It was also reported that public meetings are being held in the locality for local residents, businesses and expert user groups are working with the architects on the design of the Mental Health Inpatient Unit.

Dr Antonysamy told the Committee that the Lancashire NHS Foundation Trust would also be engaging in-house with patients, carers, families and staff members.

In response to questioning from Members it was reported that the new mental health unit was a result of stakeholders having a clear focus of what was needed and that the petition opposing The Harbour at Blackpool may have contributed.

It was established through further questioning that negotiations would be taking place with East Lancashire Hospital Trust on the future of Pendleview once the East Lancashire Site had opened. Members were advised that it was not yet known at this stage what would happen with Pendleview but it would no longer be a Mental Health Unit.

In response to questioning regarding the planning application Mr Rose informed Members that if the application was refused the mental health unit would only remain in the existing building temporarily, as, the rooms had been deemed unfit by previous stakeholders. Members were informed that patients need day space facilities, a secured garden and need to be treated with respect and dignity, something the new site could provide.

Members felt that the new site would help the wider community and welcomed the development. The Executive Member for Health and Adults expressed how pleased he was with the project and felt that it was the right move to make.

In response to questioning regarding the number of beds at the East Lancashire Site. Members were advised that initially there would be 72 beds but the planning application has been submitted for 116 beds to allow for expansion if needed.

Members expressed concerns regarding patient partner support. The Committee was advised that the CCG would be commissioning this care and they would be responsible for supporting families who need to travel and financial support.

RESOLVED –

That the update on the Pennine Lancashire Mental Health Inpatient Unit be noted and the three senior representatives from the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust be thanked for their attendance.

5. 2014-15: What Scrutiny means for Blackburn with Darwen

The Head of Democratic Services provided the Committee with an overview of the authorities' collective responsibilities and alternative scrutiny methodologies. Members referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook 2014 which had been re-written and contained everything that Members and Officers should need to know about what Scrutiny is, different approaches to Scrutiny and the powers of Scrutiny.

It was reported that 'Collaborative Inquiry' had its roots in education, however key principles have been successfully applied at Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council using Councillors to scrutinise services as demonstrated with the Keogh Review 2013-14. The Head of Democratic Services explained that Collaborative Inquiry in a Local Government setting is loosely based around the Executive Member, Lead Member and Scrutiny Member supported by Officers all working together collaboratively to deliver a common outcome.

Members were also advised of another method, namely; 'Appreciative Inquiry'. It was explained that Appreciative Enquiry was a method which discovers the best things about an organisation, team, community or project. It was becoming increasingly popular as a scrutiny tool and was used very often in an organisational change environment and in community development.

The Head of Democratic Services informed Members that whilst it is still relatively new, Appreciative Inquiry could add depth and value, creating real appreciative scrutiny. It was added that moving forwards Committee's would continue to look at new ways of working and improve on previous successes, focusing on adding value and have a better use of media to highlight what Committee's achieve via methods such as - videos, newsletters and the internet.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee noted the presentation from the Head of Democratic Services.

6. Work of the Executive – the Corporate Plan and Executive Member Priorities 2013/14

The Chair welcomed the Executive Member for Health and Adults Services and the Director of Adults Social Care to the meeting.

The Executive Member presented to the Committee his key priorities and risks in Adult Services for 2014/15:

Priorities

- Engagement and building community capacity
- Independence through preventative support
- Integrated support for people with significant needs and their carers.
- Safeguarding vulnerable people
- Preparatory work for the Care Act 2014

Risks

- Budget – rising demand/reducing resources/Care bill/NHS pressures
- Safeguarding – Impact of funding constraints
- Prevention – Difficulty of finding resources to invest into prevention given other pressures.

Members held a discussion based on the key priorities and risks and questioned whether the Council would receive funding for something that they wanted to

commission if they approached the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The Executive Member advised the Committee that when the Better Care Fund (BCF) is available in 2015/16 the Council may receive funding towards projects. Members were told that the CCG, NHS and Local Authority would work together to form an action plan for a BCF application.

In response to questions regarding the budget and staffing for the Care Act 2014 Members were advised that the Government may offer additional money towards staffing costs but the Council would also have to make savings. The Executive Member informed the Committee that the Council would be looking at the implications of any potential cuts and how it could deliver the necessary changes with the least impact on staffing and budgets.

In response to questioning regarding safeguarding it was felt that the Council needed to make residents of Blackburn with Darwen more aware of what safeguarding actually is and the different types of abuse involved. The Head of service support to the Committee suggested that this could be raised at ward solution meetings.

The Executive Member presented to the Committee his key priorities and risks in Public Health for 2014/15:

Priorities

- Reducing health inequalities in vulnerable communities
- Effective delivery of the nationally mandated Public Health programmes:
 1. National Child Health Measurement Programme
 2. NHS Health checks
 3. Sexual health services
 4. Support, challenging and assuring local health protection arrangements
- Delivery of Blackburn with Darwen health and wellbeing Strategy and developing the effectiveness of the Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Board
- Building community capacity for health improvement through engagement
- Developing an integrated Blackburn with Darwen Children's Services/Public Health Services 'offer' for 2015

Risks

- Welfare reform, continuing austerity and public sector cuts
- Local Public Health outcomes
- Rising child poverty

It was reported that the Department of Health would transfer 0-5 NHS prevention services into Local Government Public Health from October 2015. This investment was currently focussed on the Health Visiting Services. The value of these services was estimated at about £4m. It was reported that this needed to be confirmed by the Department of Health.

In response to concerns regarding the rise in child poverty Members were advised that 60% of children in poverty are now in working families and Blackburn with

Darwen have higher risks of child poverty than the UK average. It was felt by Members that this was a real challenge for the Council.

Members held a discussion regarding the link between obesity and poverty and discussed the dangers of obesity to Health and Wellbeing. The Executive Member told the Committee that the Council have a big challenge in educating residents of Blackburn with Darwen on healthy eating.

RESOLVED-

- 1) That the Executive Member for Health and Adults Services and the Director of Adults Social Care be thanked for their attendance.
- 2) That the key priorities and risks for 2014/15 for Adult Services and Public Health be noted.

7. Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Public Health response

The Director of Public Health highlighted to Members the formal response from Rt. Hon Jane Ellison, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Public Health, to the vaccination and immunisation scrutiny review recommendations submitted as part of the last municipal year work programme.

Members were advised that the length of the letter suggests that serious consideration had been given to the points raised within the letter from the Executive Member for Health and Adults services and the Chair of the Committee, even though the recommendations were declined.

Members felt and agreed that the recommendations and points raised in the letter contributed to a national debate.

RESOLVED-

That Members note the response from Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Public Health

8. Councillors guide to the Health System in England

The Head of Democratic Services played a short video by ('The Kings Fund') to Members. The video was a short animation which provided an alternative whistle stop tour of where the NHS is now and how the new organisations work and fit together.

Members were provided with a transcript, map and Councillors Guide to the Health System in England then played another short video 'see the child, change the system'.

The Head of Democratic Services explained to Members that what the Committee do this year can make a difference towards the priorities outlined by the Executive Member.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the information provided relating to the Health System in England be noted.
- 2) That the links to both videos be circulated to Members

9. Committee's Work Programme

The Chair reminded Members of the issues and discussions that had taken place with the Executive Member, highlighting the main issues of debate that had been raised.

Members held a discussion regarding what areas the Committee should look at in the 2014/15 municipal year.

Suggestions were made to look at the following:

- Obesity
 - Take Away outlets
 - Planning applications for Take Away outlets
 - Take Away menus
 - Owners responsibility for Take Away outlets
- Impact of Welfare Reform
 - Changes and sanctioning
 - Vulnerable Adults
 - The impact of Welfare Reform
- Social Inclusion
 - What is classed as Social Inclusion?
 - How money is spent?
 - Isolation and Loneliness
 - How to help people

The Chair was mindful that some Members of the Committee were absent and it was therefore agreed that work programme suggestions should be emailed to the Committee for comments and that a work programme be submitted to the Policy and Corporate Resources Committee on Wednesday 23rd July 2014.

RESOLVED –

That Members would email their suggestions for the Committees Work Programme 2014/15

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

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