

## **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2012**

PRESENT:- Councillors Claire Ellis (Chair), Ray Ballman (Vice-Chair), Steve Allsopp, Alan Bishop, Wayne Crabbe, Brian Ford, John Haines, Richard Hurley, Derique Montaut, Maureen Penny and Rochelle Russell.

Councillor Brian Mattock, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, Mike Relph (AWP), Hazel Watson (AWP), Tony Gallagher (AWP), Ruth Fitzjohn (NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon), Heather Mitchell (SEQOL), Michelle Howard (SEQOL), Jose Ortega (Swindon Borough Council), Paul Bearman (NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon), Derek Benfield (LINK) and Jo Osorio (LINK).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Julie Wright and Ann Richards and from Jill Crook (NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon) and Michael Barnes (NHS Swindon).

### **9. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

### **10. Public Question Time**

Andy Newman of the GMB Union and Maria de Souza, Martina Rodrigues and Irene de Souza, employees of Carillion working in housekeeping at the Great Western Hospital and members of the GMB Union, asked questions regarding the absence from the meeting of any officer representation from the hospital and matters relating to the on-going strike action.

The Chair thanked the members of the public for their questions and confirmed that written responses would be sought.

Ruth Fitzjohn (NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon) apologised that there was no officer representative from the hospital in attendance at the meeting and offered to advise the Chair of the Trust of the questions that had been put.

### **11. Minutes**

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be confirmed and signed.

### **12. Chief Executive's Report - Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Executive of the GWH NHS Foundation Trust on key issues and developments at the Hospital.

In the absence of the Chief Executive, the Chair invited members to put questions

on the subject matter of the report with a view to these being forwarded to the Chief Executive to address in her next progress report. The following issues were raised by members:

- the Hospital's investigation of savings that might be made from reducing its use of agency staff
- the appropriateness of the regional consortium approach to issues of NHS pay, terms and conditions, as outlined in the report
- the on-going collective grievance between members of the GMB union employed in housekeeping roles at the hospital and their employer, Carillion, and the recognition by Carillion of the need to re-engage with their workforce now that the outcome of the collective grievance has been communicated
- patient fluid intake monitoring and the effectiveness of the Hospital's hydrate initiative
- radiotherapy services and the joint project between the Hospital and the Oxford University Trust
- the commendation of the Secretary of State for the Hospital's performance in relation to the 18 week "Referral to Treatment" target

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That staff at the Hospital be congratulated on the commendation of the Secretary of State for the Hospital's performance in relation to the 18 week Referral to Treatment target.

(3) That members' questions in respect of the report be submitted to the Hospital's Chief Executive in order that these might be addressed in her next progress report.

### **13. NHS Swindon Chief Executive Report**

Mr Paul Bearman, Locality Commissioning Director for Swindon, presented a report of the Chief Executive, NHS Swindon, on current activity and issues within NHS Swindon, including updates in respect of the new NHS 111 service, the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group, the Swindon Public Health transition and the opportunity to bid for additional funding from the South of England Dementia Challenge.

Resolved – That the report be noted

### **14. SEQOL Partner Organisation Update Report**

Heather Mitchell, the Chief Executive of SEQOL, presented a report providing members with an update on matters relating to SEQOL, and of particular relevance to the Committee's terms of reference, and responded to members' questions and observations on issues relating to the future promotion of Enterprise Works and the Committee's interaction with the GPs' Commissioning Group.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

### **15. Avon and Wiltshire NHS Partnership Trust - Community Services Report**

Tony Gallagher, the Chair of the Avon and Wiltshire NHS Partnership Trust, introduced a report on progress in implementing the redesign of Community mental Health Services, as agreed by NHS Swindon and Swindon Borough Council. The report also described the Mental Health Service's current performance in relation to

the service redesign. Mr Gallagher spoke, specifically, on the AWP change agenda and responded to members' questions on the following issues:

- the AWP's appointment of locality leads
- the measures taken by the Board to manage and monitor the "change process" to be assured that the objective of better delivering mental health services in the area is achieved
- the timescale for the delivery of the objectives of AWP's "Fit the future – Our Commitment" strategy document
- the importance of achieving a tangible improvement in the standard of mental health services for Swindon
- the main themes of the changes to service
  - clinical primacy
  - the engagement of users and carers in the decision making process

Following Mr Gallagher's introduction of the report, Mike Relph (AWP) summarised the main aspects of the report for members.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted

(2) That future progress reports should also include details of any significant issues which might affect the delivery of AWP's "Fit the future" performance milestones.

## **16. Learning Disabilities Transformation Programme**

The Committee received a report and presentation by parents and carers of people with learning disabilities, outlining their vision for Learning Disability Day Services in Swindon as provided by SEQOL (and as commissioned by Swindon Borough Council and NHS Swindon). The report also provided an options appraisal of how the parents and carers felt the services might be taken forward, exploring the sustainability of two day services, One Step Ahead (OSA) and the Upham Road Centre (URC), and considering the demand upon the workforce in providing modern flexible services. It was noted that the preferred option, based upon quality, cost, and timescale for the transformation programme, was for a single workforce working out of the URC.

Several parents of service users were in attendance and spoke of the importance of day services for people with learning disabilities and of their support of the user and carers' proposed service transformation programme.

Resolved – (1) That this Committee supports the parents and carers in taking forward their vision for learning disability day services through the Council's commissioning process.

(2) That the parents and carers present at the meeting be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and for their presentation of this very comprehensive report.

## **17. Public Health Transition Plan for Swindon**

Dr. Jose Ortega, Joint Director of Public Health, NHS Swindon and Swindon Borough Council, made a presentation to the Committee on detail of the Public Health Transition Plan for Swindon, necessary to ensure readiness for public health transition from Swindon Primary Care Trust (PCT) to Swindon Borough Council

(SBC) by 1st April 2013. It was explained that the plan outlined the approach in Swindon to shift public health responsibilities from Swindon Primary Care Trust to Swindon Borough Council and Public Health England as detailed in the Public Health White Paper, "Healthy Lives Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England (November 2010)".

Resolved – That the report, and the content of the Public Health Transition Plan for Swindon, appended to the report (circulated separately), be noted.

## **18. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2012 Review**

The Committee received a report providing the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the findings of the JSNA 2012 review. Dr. Jose Ortega, Joint Director of Public Health. NHS Swindon and Swindon Borough Council, presented the report, outlining the highlights of the Government's new vision for the leadership and delivery of health and care services (Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS). Dr Ortega explained that the vision included establishing JSNAs as a fundamental part of the planning and commissioning cycle at a local level and that all areas were required to produce a JSNA, the legal basis for which is now the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (formerly the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007). The Committee noted that the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board was receiving regular progress updates and draft versions of the report for comment and direction, and had formally approved the findings and recommendations at a meeting in June 2012.

Dr Ortega advised that, building from previous assessments, the JSNA 2012 review aimed to provide a comprehensive local picture of the health and wellbeing needs of all people who live in Swindon, including vulnerable and geographic groups, and would inform the development of the new Health and Wellbeing and other strategies, local priorities, and commissioning decisions. This JSNA 2012 review was intended to guide Swindon's Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board in one of its core duties – developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Borough which, in turn, would inform the commissioning of services.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted and that members of the Committee be provided with a copy of Dr Ortega's presentation for information.

(2) That members be invited to consider, outside the meeting, the questions set out in paragraph 2 of the report, relating to the JSNA process, and to advise the Scrutiny Officer of any particular comments they might wish to be taken on board in relation to future reviews and/or bulletins and the communication of JSNA information.

## **19. Swindon Local Involvement Network Enter & View reports**

The Committee received a report of the Swindon Local Involvement Network (LINK) regarding three visits undertaken by Swindon Local Involvement Network, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The visits included one undertaken as part of a joint exercise with other LINKs in the Great Western Ambulance NHS Trust area.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

## **20. Work Programme 2012-2013**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services

inviting members to review the Committee's work programme for 2012/13 and work undertaken by the Committee to date.

Resolved – (1) That the report and the revised and updated Work Programme for 2012/13 be noted.

(2) That the use of the Scrutiny Support budget to meet costs associated with the proposed Health Scrutiny Conference and also the publication of a revised Guide to Health Scrutiny, be approved.