

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2012

PRESENT:- Councillors Claire Ellis (Chair), Ray Ballman (Vice-Chair), Steve Allsopp, Alan Bishop, John Haines, Peter Heaton-Jones, Richard Hurley, Derique Montaut, Ann Richards, Rochelle Russell and Julie Wright.

Councillor Roderick Bluh (Leader of Swindon Borough Council), Kevin Connor (AWP), Ruth Fitzjohn (NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon), Dr Jose Ortega (NHS Swindon and Swindon Borough Council), John Gilbert (Swindon Borough Council), Paul Bearman (NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon), Haydn Jones (SEQOL), Sue Wald (Swindon Borough Council) and Nerissa Vaughan (GWH NHS Foundation Trust).

Councillor Bob Wright was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wayne Crabbe, Brian Ford and Maureen Penny and from Jill Crook (NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon) and Heather Mitchell (SEQOL).

21. Declarations of Interest

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

22. Public Question Time

No questions were under Standing Order 28.

23. Minutes

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2012 be confirmed and signed.

24. 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 Great Western Hospital. The Chief Executive introduced the report, highlighting matters of particular significance, and responded to members' questions and observations on the following issues:

- the Trust's continuing work in relation to options to meet the serious financial and operational challenges being faced across the NHS and, in particular, its affiliation with the South West Regional Pay, Terms and Conditions Consortium
- the Trust's investment in the exploration of ways in which changes to pay, terms and conditions might help in protecting jobs and health services
- engagement with staff regarding agenda for change options and initial feedback from staff

- the impact of change on the local population and the anticipated health outcomes of the major changes and the Chief Executive's own perception of the effect on Swindon compared with other regions
- members' concern that affiliation with the Consortium might open "a door of opportunity" for staff to transfer to other areas and the importance of ensuring that the principle focus remains on what is best for Swindon
- the national recognition of the Hospital Trust's Ambulatory Care Service and its work to improve hydration for patients

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Hospital Trust and staff be congratulated on the national recognition of the Ambulatory Care Service and work to improve hydration for patients, resulting in the Hospital's positive CQC report in July.

25. NHS Swindon - Chief Executive's Report

Paul Bearman, NHS Gloucestershire and Swindon, presented a report of the Chief Executive, NHS Swindon, on current activity within NHS Swindon and updating the meeting on local and national health-related issues.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That, with reference to the engagement of stakeholders in relation to changes in service provider for non-urgent patient transport, the Committee be advised of the status of stakeholder feedback to the PTS Project Board for consideration in finalising the service specification.

26. Avon and Wiltshire NHS Partnership Trust - Community Services Report

Kevin Connor, Area Director (AWP), introduced a report on the current position of the Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's implementation of the redesign of Community Services, as agreed by NHS Swindon and Swindon Borough Council, and current performance in relation to the service redesign. The report also provided members with a summary position of services and assurance to Swindon Borough Council in relation to the current implementation of the redesign.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

27. SEQOL Partner Organisation Update Report

Haydn Jones, Director of Finance (SEQOL), introduced a report providing the Committee with an update on matters relating to SEQOL. SEQOL's Inaugural report 2011/12 and the Care and Quality Commission's Compliance Report in relation to Whitbourne House were tabled at the meeting

Resolved – That the report be noted

28. Reshaping Demand for Adult Services

The Council's Head of Commissioning (Children and Adults) introduced a report providing the Committee with an update on the development of the draft Strategy and Implementation Plan to address the rising demand for care services for vulnerable adults in Swindon. The Committee was invited to discuss and comment on the draft Strategy, including the context narrative and strategic issues set out in Appendix 3 to the report and proposed work streams, outlined in Appendix 1 to the

report.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted

(2) That a follow up report be submitted to a future meeting of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress towards implementation of the transformation of services as part of the Adult Demand programme.

29. Update on HealthWatch

The Committee received a report of the Director of Commissioning advising on progress that had been made in implementing HealthWatch since the Royal Approval of the Health and Social Care Act earlier this year. Mark Feeny, the Contract and Commissioning Officer, introduced the report, expanding on the results of consultations with health service colleagues and the community sector and also summarising the intended main activities of HealthWatch, highlighting the differences from the Local Involvement Network (LiNK), as well as provisions for ensuring that the contacts and work carried out by the Local Involvement Network (LiNK) would be passed on to HealthWatch where appropriate. Mr Feeny advised that it was proposed to commence the tendering process in the next few weeks using the Council's procurement processes.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

30. Development of the Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board

Councillor Rod Bluh, the Leader of the Council, introduced a report on the current position in relation to the development of the Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board, which, with effect from April 2013, in accordance with the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, would provide a statutory forum where key leaders from the health and care system would work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities. Councillor Bluh explained that he saw the Board as providing an opportunity to build strong and effective local partnerships that improved the commissioning and delivery of services across NHS and local government, that would lead, in turn, to improved health and wellbeing for local people. It would be the basic function of the health and wellbeing board to set a strategic direction for health, well-being and social care and to bring together the key health and social care commissioners and the local Healthwatch.

Councillor Bluh advised that, although not a commissioning board in its own right, the Health and Wellbeing Board would have strategic influence over commissioning decisions across health, public health and social care and would also strengthen democratic legitimacy through the involvement of democratically elected representatives and patient representatives in commissioning decisions alongside commissioners across health and social care. The Board would provide a local forum for challenge, discussion and the involvement of local leaders.

Following his introduction of the report, Councillor Bluh, supported by Dr Jose Ortega, the Director of Public Health, responded to members' questions and observations on the following matters:

- the composition of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- the statutory role of HealthWatch and its representation on the Board
- the Diversity Impact assessment conducted at a national level in relation to the development of health and wellbeing boards and arrangements for conducting a local health impact assessment once the health and wellbeing

- strategy is completely developed
- the opportunities and arrangements for local health organisations to provide local data to influence the delivery of an effective health strategy

Resolved – that the report be noted.

31. Diabetes update

Further to Minute 35 (2011/12), the Committee received a report of the Director of Public Health providing an update on the progress of the work being done to improve the provision of services to the people with diabetes in the NHS Swindon area. The report also briefed the Committee on the outcomes of the recent National Diabetes Audit 2010-2011.

Following his introduction of the report, the Director responded to members' questions and observations on the following matters:

- the establishment of specific targets and timeframes for the improvement of diabetic support services
- patient engagement in structured education
- the low percentage of newly diagnosed patients attending the Diabetes Education and Self-management for On-going and Newly Diagnosed (DESMOND) course
- the nature of early engagement with people newly diagnosed as having diabetes
- the Swindon Diabetes Community Champions project for Black and Minority Ethnic communities

Resolved – That the report be noted.

32. 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 the work undertaken by the Committee to date.

Resolved – (1) That the report and the revised and updated Work Programme for 2012/13 be noted and that the proposed amendments to the work programme suggested at this meeting be endorsed.

(2) That members' comments regarding the on-going and significant transformation of national and local health service provision be noted and that partner organisations be invited to provide commentary in their regular progress reports to the Committee on their "state of readiness" to embrace the changing health environment and also to bring to members' attention those service provision and development issues that are considered to be most significant.

(3) That Sally Smith, the Scrutiny Support Officer, be thanked for her hard work in arranging the recent successful Health Scrutiny Conference.