

Minutes

of the Meeting of the

Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Thursday, 24th March 2016

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 1.30 p.m. Meeting Concluded: 3.25 p.m.

Councillors:

P Roz Willis (Chairman)
P Liz Wells (Vice-Chairman)

P Michael Bell	A Sarah Codling
P Andy Cole	A Bob Garner
P Ann Harley	P David Hitchins
P Ruth Jacobs	P Reyna Knight
P Tom Leimdorfer	A Ian Parker

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Also in attendance: Councillor Jill Iles

Health Colleagues: Mike Vaughton (Chief Finance Officer NS Clinical Commissioning Group), Val Graves (North Somerset Community Health Partnership), Margaret Blackmore (WAHT Patients' Council)

NSC Officers: Sheila Smith, Natalie Field (People & Communities); Leo Taylor (Corporate Services)

Officers in attendance:

HEA **Declarations of Interest by Members**

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None

HEA **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th September 2015**

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Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

HEA **BSSG Strategic Leadership Group Vision (Agenda Item 7)**

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The Chief Finance Officer (NSCCG) presented the report which set out progress made by the health care organisations and local authorities in

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire in respect of the Strategic Leadership Group vision “Working together – a joint vision for health and social care in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire”. This shared vision would form the basis for future collective working such as the place-based Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for the period October 2016 to March 2021, due for submission to national bodies in June 2016.

The context for this process was the significant budget and management pressure on health and social care sectors which had brought about this sea change in the Government’s approach. He emphasised that organisational transformation was critical and that the key issues that the Vision and STP would seek to address were effective engagement and the delivery of sustainable services going forward.

He responded to Members comments and queries as follows:-

(1) *The need for an outcome focussed approach to greater integration* – he agreed that outcomes were critical together with a shift away from organisational silo thinking. This approach was indeed part of delivering more integrated services but a careful iterative systems-based approach was also fundamental to delivering stable and sustainable services going forward. It would take time to develop robust outcome performance measures.

(2) *The June deadline producing the STP looked challenging – how would stakeholders be engaged in the development of detailed plans and what did he see as HOSP’s role?* – whatever was delivered in June would not be financially balanced and there would be further plan iterations and negotiations. He said HOSP would be consulted regularly as this process moved forward and saw the Panel’s role as challenging “the balance” of services within the fixed budgetary constraints.

(3) *Reference to “a single electronic health record that reflects their wishes and health needs, used across the health care system” (Chapter 3 Coordinated Care p.3).* Members queried who would be delivering this and how would user requirements be assessed, noting that previous attempts to deliver this had failed – He said that this could build on the local “connecting care” initiative, expanding and integrating the system so that information could be shared across clinical fields and that patient experience be captured. He acknowledged, however, that there were significant challenges to be addressed going forward, particularly in respect of information governance issues.

Concluded: that the report be received and that Members comments on the vision document be circulated in the form of the minutes.

HEA 19 Public Health Contracts (Agenda Item 8)

The Chairman presented the report setting out the conclusions and recommendations following the Panel’s Public Health Contracts working group review of the schedule of public health contracts within the context of

the required in-year budget savings and challenging budgetary position going forward.

Concluded: that the Panel endorse the working group recommendations and note the response to these presented by the Assistant Executive Member for Public Health and interim Director Public Health.

HEA 20 Assistant Executive Member's Update (Agenda Item 12)

The Assistant Executive Member Public Health presented the report outlining her activities over the winter months. These included working with the public health team on identifying savings following the Government's announcement in June 2015 of budget reductions; consideration of options for future primary care commissioning; and the commissioning of sexual health services for 2016.

In respect of the commissioning of sexual health services for 2016, it was agreed that the Children's and Young People Policy & Scrutiny Panel (CYPS) would be included Public Health contracts working group discussions with the public health team.

Margaret Blackmore (Patients Council representative) raised concerns about the future of the Wish Clinic, saying that there was a "desperate" need to retain this service. The Chairman confirmed that the Panel would be considering this issue.

Concluded: that the report be received and that the issues raised above be taken into account by the Panel going forward.

HEA 21 Members' Champions Update (Agenda Item 11)

Councillor Mike Bell, one of the Panel's primary care "champions", updated Members on the following Member activities:

- discussions with NHS England about establishing lines of communication – for example: early warning about changes to primary care services;
- discussions with the NSCCG Chief Operating Officer about the emerging NHS Estates Plan and Primary Care Strategic planning Strategy development (which now sits with CCGs); and
- attended a meeting of the Graham Road GP practice patient participation group (PPG) forum and met with the For All Centre.

In response to concerns raised about the future of Clevedon Community Hospital, Valery Graves (North Somerset Community Partnership confirmed that a temporary closure of the hospital had been planned to carry out essential works. All patients would be discharged (either to home care or "spot purchased" beds) and alternative arrangements were in place or outpatient services. She emphasised that the Hospital would be re-opening once these works were complete.

She responded to Members' queries as follows:

(1) The NSCP had released a press statement about the temporary closure and engaged with local GP practices. She noted Members' suggestions that posters/flyers could have been produced and that Parish/Town Councils in the hospital's catchment area could be engaged in helping to publicise the arrangements.

(2) The timetable for the works/closure had not been finalised but it was not expected to exceed four months.

Councillor Tom Leimdorfer, one of the Panel's Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership "champions" updated Members on the following activities:

- outcomes of the work of the Joint (cross-authority) AWP working group; and
- the proposal that the working group continue as a standing cross-committee for the purpose of monitoring AWP performance from a more strategic cross-authority perspective.

He asked whether Members would support the establishment of a standing AWP Committee and it was:-

Concluded: that the Panel would defer any decision about whether or not to support the proposal until after the outcome of the forthcoming CQC inspection of the Trust

HEA 22 Healthwatch North Somerset (Agenda Item 10)

Georgie Bigg, Chairman of Healthwatch North Somerset presented a report providing a synopsis of its recent activities. These included the following work topics and resulting recommendations and outcomes:-

- Getting to Medical appointments – Community Transport;
- Review of Access to North Somerset NHS Dental Services;
- Review of North Somerset GP Practice websites;
- Hospital discharge: "harnessing the power of your experience";
- Stroke services;
- Young people's Positive Mental Health Day;
- Good Practice: GP Services in North Somerset; and
- Personalisation.

Concluded: that the report be received.

HEA 23 Health Protection Committee Annual Report (Agenda Item 6)

The Interim Director Public Health (NSC) presented the report which outlined the work undertaken by the Committee from January 2015 to December 2015 and recommended priorities for 2016.

Members sought and received clarification on the following issues:-

- controlling infection at care homes;

- scarlet fever; and
- cervical screening and HPV vaccine

In discussion about equalities issues and the need for public health campaigns to reach across social and cultural boundaries Members suggested that the Public Health team consider opportunities to use the North Somerset life magazine, the Multi-agency Vehicle In Service (MAVIS) bus, and the YMCA street pastors and these suggestions were noted by the Interim Director.

Concluded:

- (1) that the report be received; and
- (2) that the priorities listed in the report's recommendations be supported.

HEA 24 Proposed Joint Working (Agenda Item 9)

Members noted the draft minute extract setting out the Adult Services & Housing Policy & Scrutiny Panel's proposals that two joint (ASH/HOSP) working groups be established to (respectively):

- (1) review implementation of the integrated care teams; and
- (2) to consider and make recommendations about a proposed joint North Somerset Council/North Somerset Community Partnership Director post.

Concluded:

- (1) that the HOSP endorse the establishment of the above working groups; and
- (2) that Councillors Tom Leimdorfer, Roz Willis and Ruth Jacobs be nominated as Members of the Joint Director Post working group.

HEA 25 The Panel's Work Plan (Agenda Item 9)

The Scrutiny Officer presented the work plan.

Members noted that a meeting of the Reconfiguration Working Group had been arranged on 14th April to hear about the development of the Weston Area Health NHS Trust vision going forward and all Members were invited to attend.

Concluded: that the work plan be agreed.

Chairman
