

Minutes

of the Meeting of the

Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Thursday, 6th February 2020

held in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall.

Meeting Commenced: 13:30 Meeting Concluded: 15:35

Councillors:

P Richard Tucker (Chairman)
P Geoffrey Richardson (Vice Chairman)

A Marc Aplin
P Caroline Cherry
P Steve Bridger (substitute for Huw James)
P Andy Cole
P Hugh Gregor
P Ruth Jacobs
A Huw James
P Karin Haverson
A Timothy Snaden
P Mike Solomon
P Roz Willis

Co-opted Member:

P Georgie Bigg

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Health Colleagues in attendance: Colin Bradbury (BNSSG CCG); Peter Collins (WAHT); Julie Sharma (Sirona).

Council Officers in attendance: Matt Lenny, Leo Taylor, Brent Cross (Corporate Services).

HEA Public discussion (Standing Order SSO 9)

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Arthur Hacking and Chris Beyfus of Congresbury Parish Council spoke to the Panel expressing their concern at the lack of certainty in primary care provision in the Congresbury due to delays to the development of the Smallway surgery and the current reduced opening times at the Congresbury surgery. The Congresbury surgery was only open for half days despite correspondence from Bristol, North Somerset and South

Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG) which appeared to indicate a full day service would be provided.

John Nixon of the Clarence Park and Graham Road PPG spoke to the Panel expressing the need for the Panel to work with the CCG to deliver the new site for the surgery as quickly as possible.

The Chairman thanked speakers for their representations noting these issues would be picked up later in the meeting under Agenda Item 9.

HEA 19 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest (Standing Order 37)

None.

HEA 20 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting on 15th October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

HEA 21 BNSSG Community Health Services mobilisation

The Director of Sirona Care & Health presented on the service provided by Sirona, which was due to commence on the 1st of April 2020.

Of particular interest were: the pilot scheme, 'Community Chairs', which would investigate the possibility of a 'one-stop-shop' for drawing up care packages in one day; the transfer of CAMHS to the Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP), as was done in Bristol and South Gloucestershire; and a 3% of budget spend target for supporting the third sector's role in community care.

Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- How would Sirona engage with HOSP going forward? – *a Link Director would be allocated to liaise with each Local Authority and would attend HOSP meetings.*
- Could any detail be provided on the Weston pilot for Community Chairs? – *The Weston Hospital site would be used, ready to run the pilot for winter 2020-21.*
- Could any detail on the CAMHS contract be provided? – *AWP were working closely with other health services in Bristol and South Gloucestershire; The CCG would fund the work done at cost, and not per budget for the next two years, to the order of £2 million for both CAMHS and Paediatric Health which could be used for attracting staff and sharing excellence; AWP would report back to Sirona.*
- How would people access "locality hubs" if they did not have their own transport. - *It was a priority that the hubs were located appropriately so as maximise accessibility and were designed to be one-stop-shops for a range of services, thereby also reducing journeys. They would also function as "virtual hubs" where services could be accessed on-line. If, however, face-to-face access was needed, local community transport was an option where other means of transport were impracticable..*

- How would the transfer of 3% of the funding to the community work? – *Exploratory work had suggested that meeting groups and organisations like Diabetes Buddies were a good target for funding, to prevent hospitalisation of patients. In holding its own budget, Sirona could facilitate the start-up of similar initiatives if required.*
- What proportion of staff would be brought over from NSCP to Sirona? – *the vast majority; Sirona had experience with this, bringing staff into the organisation when it started up in South Gloucestershire.*

Concluded: That the report be noted and that Members' comments be provided to officers and health colleagues in the form of minutes.

HEA 22 **WAHT Update on performance and proposed merger**

The Medical Director of Weston Area Health Trust delivered the report, a copy of which can be found in the minute book.

Member's queries were responded to as follows:

- Had the decision to cancel overnight surgery from October been made? – *yes, this was part of the Healthy Weston proposals, and would only affect 20-30 of the sickest patients who would now benefit from the better infrastructure at their destinations.*
- The latest picture of the Trust's finances and deficits - *these had been modelled and transferred to UHB; the Trust would have financial stability for the next three years and beyond.*
- The latest on the rollout of digital technology – *Push Doctor was a digital/virtual way for patients to contact and have appointments with specialists, GPs and pharmacists; although it was costing the Trust £30 per session, this was still less than the A&E fixed tariff rate and would result in an increase in provision.*
- Concerns were raised that the 62 day target for cancer patients in December was met in only 53.62% of cases – *This was a result of WAHT relying on other service providers to meet the needs of some patients – e.g. breast and urology patients at North Bristol – the intention was that eventually these patients would be treated within the Trust to help get them treated more quickly.*

Concluded: That the report be noted and that Members' comments be provided to officers and health colleagues in the form of minutes.

HEA 23 **Healthy Weston Update**

The CCG's Area Director for North Somerset presented the report setting out the background to the agreed one year review of the implementation of the Healthy Weston service changes and outlining a number of proposed metrics by which the implementation might be evaluated (based on priority issues identified by the Panel at its last meeting).

He noted that Members has since requested that a wider "outcomes framework" assessment (based on the Healthy Weston business case) be

incorporated into the review and that discussions with the Panel on the review terms of reference were continuing.

Concluded: That the presentation be received.

HEA 24 Primary Care Update

The CCG's Area Director for North Somerset gave a presentation on the opportunities and challenges in primary care and update on estates issues in North Somerset.

In updating Members, he also addressed the following points raised earlier in the meeting under the public discussion item.

- *Congresbury surgery opening hours - he confirmed that he would review CCG correspondence with Congresbury Parish and would arrange a meeting with Parish Councillors to discuss their concerns.*
- *Proposed Smallway surgery – the project had encountered funding challenges but said that it was still possible that the scheme be funded through the national capital funding round but that this could take time with no certainty about the outcome.*
- *Location for the Weston town centre primary healthcare hub – he had hoped to be in a position to announce the location but confirmed that negotiations, though well advanced, had not yet concluded.*

He responded to Members comments and queries as follows:

- *Progress on GP recruitment for Clarence Park surgery – he confirmed that Pier Health were commencing another recruitment campaign.*
- *The critical need for additional GP capacity around Yatton and Congresbury bearing in mind housing growth in the area – this was a priority for the CCG and discussions around solutions were ongoing. He noted that the new Primary Care hub in Woodspring would lead to additional capacity.*
- *Difficulties making appointments at St Georges surgery – He agreed to raise this issue with the surgery.*

Concluded: That the report be noted and that Members' comments be provided to officers and health colleagues in the form of minutes.

HEA 25 Quality Accounts Sub-Committee

The Scrutiny officer presented the report seeking Members for the Quality Accounts subcommittee. Councillors Richard Tucker, Geoff Richardson and Roz Willis volunteered. Two Independent Group Members were required to fill the sub-committee in the interests of political balance.

Concluded: That two Independent Group Members would be sought before the meeting of the Sub-Committee.

HEA 26 Time of Panel Meetings in 2020-2021

The Panel that the proposed start time for meetings was at 13:30, and the dates of Panel meetings for 2020/21 were:

- Thursday 4th June 2020
- Thursday 8th October 2020
- Thursday 4th February 2021

Concluded: that the Panel agreed the start times and dates for the 2020/21 municipal year.

HEA 27 **The Panel's Work Plan**

Members considered the Work Plan which had been updated to reflect the outcome of previous Panel discussions.

Members proposed that Sexual Health Services to the Work Plan and requested an informal meeting on Children's Mental Health.

Members also noted that the BNSSG CCG would shortly be circulating the draft Mental Health Strategy for Members input prior to finalisation.

Concluded: that the Work Plan be updated, picking up actions and discussion outcomes from the present meeting and additional activities of the Panel.

Chairman
