



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 29th MARCH 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor A James (Chair), Councillors A Bishop, C Cooke, J Faulkner, R Ford, M Gant, M Oates and R Rogers

VISITORS: Tosca Fairchild (Director of Corporate Affairs, Trust Secretary) and Jonathan Tringham (Director of Finance, Information, Performance & Estates)

The following officers were present: Janine Bryant (Scrutiny and Corporate Support Officer)

53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Goodall, Councillor R Ford was nominated as a substitute in accordance with Schedule 1 Rule 2.4.1 of the Constitution.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor T Clements and County Councillor A Little.

54 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Health and Wellbeing Committee held on the 1st February 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor R Rogers)

55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

56 COLLABORATION OF BURTON HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION AND DERBY TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the collaboration from Tosca Fairchild (Director of Corporate Affairs, Trust Secretary) and Jonathan Tringham (Director of Finance, Information, Performance & Estates).

The Competition and Markets Authority has found that the merger...is expected to result in substantial patient benefits, and that these outweigh any potential competition concerns that may arise.

While NHS Improvement reiterated their strong support for the patient benefits and the strategic rationale, they believe that further work needs to be done to ensure the revised financial plan will be delivered although they remain fully supportive of the merger.

The name of the new organisation will be University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, however, the individual hospital sites will retain their own names, and therefore local Tamworth residents will still refer to the Sir Robert Peel Hospital.

The University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust new Governors will have a number of Tamworth seats.

57 UPDATE FROM CHAIR

There was no update from the Chair at the present time.

The GP Inequalities Working Group gave a report on their findings, as detailed below.

DIFFERENCES IN DOCTORS' SURGERIES ACROSS TAMWORTH

We were tasked with trying to find the differences between Doctors' Surgeries across Tamworth. A very much broader topic than was first thought.

Across the Borough the differences were very much unexpected.

All GP's are self-employed.

On the North Western side of Tamworth were four of the largest surgeries (and have the most Doctors in the Surgery) in the Borough each offering a wide range of facilities for their patients.

These surgeries offered an internal clinic on the premises:-

E.C.G's; Blood sampling; pre-natal services; Minor surgery; dressing of wounds and issuing of some minor drug prescriptions.

The remainder of Tamworth is covered by generally much smaller surgeries with one or on some two Doctors.

These surgeries have very little facilities on the properties.

It appears to us that the service offered by the surgery is down finances available.

I believe at first some surgeries treated us with suspicion, it also took some time (weeks on some) to get an appointment to talk to someone.

We strongly recommend to the next year's committee that they continue to scrutinise this item in the long term hope of bring all surgeries up to the standard of those on the North Western side of Tamworth.

The committee thanked the group for their work and agreed that further work should continue in the future.

(Moved by Councillor A James and seconded by Councillor C Cooke)

58 AGENDA SETTING FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW MUNICIPAL YEAR

The proposed date for the first meeting of the new Municipal Year is 12 June 2018. The first item for the Agenda was considered and agreed:-

- Midwife and anti-natal appointment – investigation into local Dr's

The Committee were notified that the Scrutiny Officer will be leaving prior to the next meeting and wished to extend their thanks to her for her support and work undertaken within the post.

Chair