



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor R Ford (Chair), Councillors R Bilcliff, A Bishop, R Claymore, M Gant, M Oates, R Rogers and J Faulkner

County Councillor County Councillor J Oates

The following officers were present: Jo Hutchison (Democratic and Elections Officer)

41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Kingstone and T Jay.

42 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Health and Wellbeing Committee held on the 27th November 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44 UPDATE FROM CHAIR

To note the appointment of County Councillor J Oates as the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee representative on the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee replacing County Councillor A Little with effect from 20 December 2018.

The Chair reminded members of the Safeguarding training for all Councillors on Thursday 31 January 2019 at 6pm.

45 UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF DERBY AND BURTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST UPDATE ON MERGER

The Director of Integration from the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust (UHDB) attended the meeting to provide an update on the merger.

The Director of Integration provided an overview of the objectives driving the case for the merger, in particular sustaining clinical services at Queen's Burton Hospital, developing specialist services at the Royal Derby Hospital and making the best use of community hospitals in Lichfield, Tamworth and Derby. Since the merger there had been a focus on the following six clinical areas to drive improvement for patients:

- Cardiology – pathways had been redesigned to improve clinical outcomes, to repatriate complex cases to Burton hospitals and to deliver angioplasty services from Burton reducing the need to refer patients out of the area.
- Trauma & Orthopaedics – work was underway to enhance the offer at the Sir Thomas Peel Hospital by delivering more outpatient clinics in Tamworth.
- Stroke – in this clinical area, where acute specialist care was required, the acute phase would be delivered from the Royal Derby with patients repatriated closer to home thereafter.
- Renal – consultants from UHDB were managing dialysis patients at the Community hospital in Lichfield and work continued to deliver and extend services in Lichfield as well as delivering renal dialysis from home.
- Urology – consultants were now undertaking outpatient sessions at Queens Burton and cancer pathways were being remodelled with radiology and pathology input to deliver best practice at all sites.
- Radiology – work continued to recruit clinicians to radiology and to improve the imaging systems to improve clinician access to imagery and therefore enable patient benefits.

The Director of Integration highlighted the next six areas of focus to deliver further patient benefit:

- Ophthalmology
- Dermatology
- Gynaecology
- Vascular Surgery
- Critical Care
- Head and Neck

The Outwoods Site in Burton had secured capital funding from central government, which would deliver a facility to build a bridge between health and social care.

Questions were raised in the following areas:

- The latest financial position of UHDB
- Staff vacancies at UHDB
- Consultation process and distance of travel for treatment

The Director of Integration responded that he could not provide details on the latest financial position of the trust as a whole, however, the merger looked to deliver £23m of savings over the next five years and there was a significant cost improvement programme which was ongoing.

There were different types of staff vacancies; the biggest challenge was around the winter months when bed capacity was increased but vacancies in nursing and therapy continued, which was no different from many other trusts. There was some improvement in filling medical vacancies, whilst the biggest area of challenge was around filling nursing posts.

The Director of Integration reported that the stroke pathways consultation is very specific as opposed to the broader Staffordshire STP consultation which had commenced. However, in terms of the distance of travel this varied significantly by area of specialism and in terms of the stage of treatment and it would be important to ensure that the STPs looked at how the organisations worked together to avoid duplication.

The Committee thanked the Director of Integration who then left the meeting.

46 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM CABINET

The Chair reported that he would ask for an update on the MNDA Charter, which was referred to Cabinet in September 2018.

47 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM CABINET

There were no items referred from Cabinet for the Committee's consideration at this point in time.

48 2018/19 FORWARD PLAN

No additional items were identified for the Committee's consideration from the Forward Plan.

49 UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS

It was agreed that:

- An update on the GP Working Group would be provided by Councillor M Oates at the next Committee meeting on 27th February 2019.
- Councillor Kingstone would be requested to invite First Response to the next Committee meeting on 27th February 2019.

50 HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Committee considered the Work Plan and updated it as follows.

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan 2018 - 2019	
DATE	SUBJECT
27 February	Update on mental health item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffordshire mental health provision and new Mental Health Policy • Delivery of acute service locally. (Staffordshire CC – County Councillor J Oates)
27th February	Invite First Response to attend – (RK)
27th February	Working group feedback on GP provision (Sub-Committee – MO, JF, AB, MG)
4th April	Safeguarding Update (Councillor Doyle to attend and Officers)
4th April	Housing Allocations Policy
4th April	2019/2020 H&W Scrutiny Work Plan
TBC 4th April	Midwifery Care (RF to put together a proposal form)
TBC March / April	Loneliness – Joint Working Group with Corporate Scrutiny (Sub Committee RB)
TBC	Cancer screening
Regular updates	Burton and Derby Hospitals Merger Update
TBC	Disabled Facilities Grant

Upcoming Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings

27th February and 4th April

Upcoming Relevant Accountability Sessions/County Council Meetings

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 4 February, 19 March, 5 April

Chair