

AT A MEETING of the HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 29 January 2013.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Pat West

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Liz Fairhurst

Councillors:

p Ray Bolton
a Ann Buckley
p Graham Burgess
p Rita Burgess
p Roz Chadd
p Brian Collin
p Phryn Dickens

p Peter Edgar
p David Harrison
p David Keast
p Pam Mutton
p Jenny Radley
p Angela Roling
p John Wall

Co-opted Members:

Councillors:
p Tonia Craig
p Alison Finlay
p Tim Southern
p Dennis Wright

In attendance at the invitation of the Chairman:

Frank Rust, Chairman of the Hampshire LINK

143. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ann Buckley.

144. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

145. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 27 November 2012 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Under Matters Arising, attention was brought to Minute 141, Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Primary Care Trust Cluster and South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Chase Community Hospital – proposal for future service provision. It was noted that the terms of reference for the Task and Finish Working Group on Chase Community Hospital had been agreed by the Policy and Resources Select Committee at a meeting held on 24 January 2013. It was anticipated that the Working Group would convene in early February, and again in March before the next meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Attention was also brought to Minute 141, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Adult Mental Health Services – details of Trust-led service redesign evaluation programme. It was reported that Southern Health had provided bed data for November and December 2012, and this had been circulated to the Members of the Adult Mental Health Working Group for monitoring. It was noted that Members questions arising from the data had been responded to by Southern Health.

146. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that the meeting of the Committee due to be held on 26 March 2013, may be brought forward to 22 March 2013 to avoid the pre-election period. Members would be informed electronically if this change of date was confirmed.

The Chairman also requested that Members note a possible extra meeting of the Committee which may be held on 16 April 2013, confirmation of this additional meeting would be provided as soon as possible.

147. WORK PROGRAMME

The Director of Policy and Governance presented the Committee's Work Programme (see Item 5 in the Minute Book). Members sought clarification about the number of bed places due to be provided at the Oak Park site. The Director of Adult Services reported that a 60 bedded nursing home was due to be procured, to be built by a private sector provider. The NHS intended to commission 20 of those beds to replace those lost when Havant War Memorial Hospital closed. The County Council would commission beds from the nursing home for reablement as required.

A Member suggested that when the committee convened after the election, Members be briefed on the position for health services across the Hampshire area, to help identify potential topics for future scrutiny. It was noted the Committee would also wish to understand the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's Work Programme be approved.

148. **PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP OR VARY NHS SERVICES**

The Director of Policy and Governance presented a report on proposals to develop or vary health services in the area of the Committee (Item 6 in the Minute Book). The report was presented in two parts which comprised items for action required by the Committee to respond to proposals from the NHS to substantially change or vary NHS services, and items for information which alerted the Committee to forthcoming proposals from the NHS to vary or change services.

Under Items for action details were given on:

The Committee noted that there were no items for action at this meeting.

Under items for information details were provided on:**Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust: Update on Hampshire Hospitals Maternity Centre (previously Andover Birth Centre)**

Representatives of Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust updated the Committee on Hampshire Hospitals Maternity Centre (see accompanying presentation).

Members were informed that since the implementation of the new DOMINO service at the Maternity Centre in Andover in September 2012, twenty nine births had taken place there. The community midwifery team also supported women who chose to give birth at home. The Trust highlighted that approximately 6% of all births in their catchment were home births, which was approximately double the national average. Members heard that each of the five community area teams had a 'pool in a box' to facilitate water births in the home, which could assist with pain management for a woman. It was highlighted that some midwives had undertaken journeys lasting up to 50 minutes to support women in their choice of labour and birth, but this had been in exceptional cases.

It was reported that the use of 'secret shoppers' and online surveys had provided an assessment of staff ability and women's experiences. Feedback culminating from this had proved to be extremely positive. Going forwards, Members heard that the Trust would be looking to offer more breastfeeding support, expand anti-natal clinics and increase the number of labour home assessments.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the maternity centre, working to the DOMINO model, provided a cost efficient and sustainable service as it was staffed as demand required. The DOMINO service provided greater flexibility to support both home births and births at the maternity centre.

- That previously there had been between 280-300 births a year at the Andover Birth Centre and it was expected to return to this level. The Trust was committed to keeping the Centre viable.
- That community involvement and support would also be strengthened by encouraging volunteer involvement for women during labour. Whilst not involved in the clinical care of the birthing woman, volunteers would play an essential role in befriending and offering non-clinical support and providing a social contact during labour if required.
- That closer links with ambulance paramedics are being forged, and training will encourage a greater understanding of mutual needs.
- That the centre will provide a community “hub”, and encourage community midwife teams to work together. The DOMINO model of care is due to be replicated in Winchester at the maternity unit of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, with finance capital currently being used to enhance already existing facilities.

RESOLVED:

- That Members were satisfied with the progress made at the Hampshire Hospitals Birth Centre in Andover.
- That the topic be removed from the work programme.
- That a future update could be provided if needed

University Hospital Southampton Foundation Trust: Managing bed space at Southampton General Hospital – update on planned use of ward at Royal South Hampshire Hospital

Members noted the correspondence received from University Hospital Southampton Foundation Trust on 28 November 2012 (see Appendix 1 to Item 6 in the Minute Book). The correspondence concerned proposals to transfer an acute medical ward from Southampton General Hospital site to the Upper Brambles Ward at Royal South Hampshire Hospital.

The Chairman highlighted that the proposals put forward by the Trust in the summer of 2012 had not taken place as the Trust had struggled to recruit sufficient staff to cover the care needed on the ward. It was noted that the Trust intended to work towards new proposals in 2013.

RESOLVED:

That University Hospital Southampton Foundation Trust be invited to attend a future meeting of the HOSC, once alternative proposals to respond to the issue of unscheduled care capacity have been developed.

Councillor Roz Chadd left the meeting at this point in proceedings

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Older Peoples Mental Health Services – update on implementation

Representatives from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust were in attendance to provide an update on implementation of the Older People’s

Mental Health service changes (see Appendix 2 to Item 6 in the Minute Book).

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That patients needing an inpatient stay from the areas previously served by the closed units at The Willows, Summervale and The Becton Centre were almost all accommodated at their first choice of alternative. Three patients had required admission from the Petersfield area and six patients from the west.
- Members noted that the Trust had recently advertised a job vacancy for a Bed Management member of staff, who would manage and monitor bed availability to ensure appropriate discharge.
- That free travel arrangements in the East and West of the County were in place for relatives and carers to visit patients. A transport information leaflet had been produced detailing the timetable.
- Although recruitment to the part-time position of a mini bus driver in the East has previously been unsuccessful, the Trust was confident that when re-advertised the post would be filled. Members noted that taxi service arrangements for relatives and carers were in place during the recruitment process for those living in the East of the County.
- That the minibuses supporting the travel plans had been taken on as a three year lease, and the drivers were being taken on as permanent members of staff. Other uses for the buses were being considered to maximise value for money.
- The Director of Adult Services highlighted that the Local Authority worked with community transport organisations, and this may provide a more efficient long term solution than a bus service run by the Trust themselves
- That bed usage was continually monitored to ensure that demand did not outweigh supply. Members heard that the Trust was confident that after three years of data monitoring, adequate bed stock was available to meet and support needs. There was flexibility to increase by six beds at Parklands for short term high demand.
- The Trust currently provided 124 beds in Hampshire to meet older people's mental health needs. A further 10 beds were due to be removed by the end of March, with 40 taken out to date. On the day of the meeting there were five vacant beds across the directorate.
- That there is a gradual decline in the demand for in-patient bed usage in Hampshire which corresponds with a national decline. Members noted that advances in medical and community treatment have proven to be key factors.
- That the increasing complexity of physical and mental care required by older people has led to increasing care costs for Local Authorities. Members heard that the emphasis of care is gradually shifting from predominantly NHS based care, to shorter periods of NHS care and longer periods of Adult Social Care provided by the Local Authority, supporting individuals in their own homes.
- Regarding future use of the units where inpatient beds had been closed, the Willows unit in Petersfield was temporarily being used to support Adult Mental Health and Integrated Community Service Clinics. The Trust had presented longer term proposals to Petersfield

Town Council on 14 January 2013, with a view to maintaining long term use. The preferred option of the Trust for the Willows Ward was for a minor injuries clinic and as a base and community hub for adult and older peoples mental health services teams.

- Members noted that The Trust were looking to maintain long term health provision at the Becton Centre, and potentially create a community hub for mental health services in the New Forest. Members noted that the Trust did not own the land at Summervale and that site had been sold to housing developers.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee were satisfied with the implementation to date of the changes to Older People's Mental Health services.
2. That Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust are invited back to a future meeting of the Committee to provide a further update on implementation of the proposals, once all planned bed closures have taken place.

Department of Health: Health Scrutiny Regulations Consultation

The Director of Policy and Governance provided an update to the Committee on the outcomes of the health scrutiny regulations consultation, which the Committee responded to in Summer 2012 (see Appendix 3 to Item 6 in the Minute Book). The government had set out its intended way forward, with new regulations and guidance expected to come in to force from April 2013.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the source of health scrutiny topics would remain focused on potential areas of service change
- That while the Government would use new regulations to confer the power to refer a service change to the Secretary of State for Health on Full Council, Councils would be able to chose to delegate this function to a committee where the health scrutiny function was also delegated.
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board would cease to meet in shadow form and become a Committee of the County Council from April 2013, and health scrutiny Members would be briefed on the role of the Board after the local government elections in May

RESOLVED:

1. That the report is noted by the Committee, and a concise summary of the potential changes be circulated to the Committee.
2. That the Committee be updated once new draft regulations affecting health scrutiny are published.

149. **INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN**

The Director of Policy and Governance presented a report on enquiries received, the source of each enquiry and the action taken (Item 7 in the Minute Book). The enquiries related to:-

Hampshire County Council: provision of short break services for children and young people with complex health needs

Representatives of NHS Hampshire informed the Committee of Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) intentions to decommission the Westwood House short breaks service (Item 7, Appendix 1 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that Westwood House was currently commissioned by Southampton City CCG and West Hampshire CCG. Southampton City CCG entered into discussions with Southampton City Council during 2011/12 and 2012/13 to review and transfer lead responsibility for the short breaks currently provided at Westwood House. Southampton City CCG had decided to decommission short breaks from Westwood House. This therefore made it unsustainable for Hampshire to continue to commission from Westwood House.

Twenty three Hampshire families currently used Westwood House, and three of these children would be moving over to Adult Services. Children's Services were working with West Hampshire CCG to offer equivalent short breaks elsewhere for the remaining families. West Hampshire CCG agreed to work in partnership with Southampton City CCG to ensure a smooth transition for children and their families.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That Hampshire County Council Children's Services department commissioned 95% of short break opportunities for children and young people, and were confident suitable alternatives would be available.
- That Children's Services and West Hampshire CCG would be re-commissioning like for like replacement for the decommissioned service
- That it would be beneficial for Children's Services to review all their short breaks provision and report to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee.
- That short breaks for children and young people also enables parents and carers to have a break from daily caring.

RESOLVED:

That:

1. Members noted the position in relation to Westwood House.
2. The topic of short break services be referred to the Children and Young People Select Committee for further consideration of the broader picture of short break provision for Hampshire children.

SHIP PCT Cluster and SCAS FT: NHS 111 Roll out update

Members received the update from Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Primary Care Trust Cluster on the roll out of the NHS 111 service (see Appendix 2 to Item 7 in the Minute Book). Members noted that NHS 111 in Hampshire went live on 22 January 2013, and a publicity campaign would commence on 11 February 2013 for a four week period.

Members noted that the NHS 111 service would go live in North East Hampshire on 21 March 2013, as this geographical area is covered by South East Coast Ambulance Service. It was requested that those Members living in parts of North East Hampshire be kept informed.

RESOLVED:

That NHS 111 be retained on the work programme for a future update.

Chairman, 22 March 2013