

**Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee**

26 April 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Mrs Bennett, Mr Blampied (Vice Chairman), Mr R Dunn, Mrs Jupp, Mrs Knight, Mrs Mills, Mrs Richards, Dr Walsh, Mrs Whitehead and Mr Wilkinson (West Sussex County Council), Cllr Ms Bradley (Worthing Borough Council), Cllr Mr Brown (Arun District Council), Cllr Mr Burgess (Crawley Borough Council), Cllr Mr Hotton (Adur District Council), Cllr Mrs Jones (Mid Sussex District Council), Cllr Dr Skipp, (Horsham District Council) and Miss Smith (Local Involvement Network).

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Hendon and Mr Sheldon (West Sussex County Council) and Cllr Mrs Tinson (Chichester District Council).

Mr Blampied, Vice Chairman, took the Chair as the Chairman's position would not be filled until County Council on 18 May, following Mrs Field's appointment to the Cabinet.

**Membership**

1. The Committee was invited to note the County Council membership and agree the co-opted membership of the Committee.

Resolved – That the Committee notes the County Council membership and agrees the co-opted membership of the Committee.

**Declarations of Interest**

2. In accordance with the code of conduct, the following members declared personal interests:

- Cllr Mrs Jones as Chairman of the Mid Sussex District Council Health Panel.

**Minutes of the last meetings of the Adults' Services Select Committee and the West Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

3. Crispin Atkinson, Director, Joint Commissioning, updated the Committee on the dementia diagnosis rate, which had been reported at the Adults' Services Select Committee meeting on 8 March as having gone down from 42% to 32%. He said that the rate of 42% was an error, and that the rate of 32% had been a consistent level over the time of the Task Force review of dementia services. It was expected that diagnosis rates would increase significantly as a result of the introduction of Memory Assessment Clinics.

4. Resolved – That the minutes of the Adults' Services Select Committee held on 8 March be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

5. Resolved – That the minutes of the West Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 March be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**Terms of Reference**

6. The Committee considered its terms of reference and would like to review them after a year for continued appropriateness.

7. Resolved – That the Committee notes the Terms of Reference.

**Appointment of Business Planning Group Members**

8. The following County Council members of the Committee were nominated to be on its Business Planning Group: Mrs Knight, Dr Walsh and Mrs Mills. The Chairman, when appointed, and the Vice Chairman, Mr Blampied, would automatically be members of the Business Planning Group.

9. Resolved – That the Committee appoints Mr Blampied, Mrs Knight, Mrs Mills and Dr Walsh as members of the Business Planning Group with one vacancy, which will be filled by the Chairman when appointed.

**Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman**

10. The following County Council members of the Committee were nominated for the role of Chairman of the Committee, Mrs Whitehead and Dr Walsh, and the following County Council member of the Committee was nominated for the role of Vice Chairman, Mr Blampied.

11. Resolved – That Mrs Whitehead is nominated by the Committee as its Chairman, and Mr Blampied is nominated by the Committee as its Vice Chairman. Nominations are subject to approval by County Council at its meeting on 18 May.

**Sussex Together**

12. The Committee considered a report and presentation by NHS Sussex (copies appended to the signed minutes). Amanda Philpott, Director of Strategy and Provider Development, gave a presentation covering the following points:

- The Sussex Together programme would ensure a clinically and financially sustainable NHS, which is important for the transition from Primary Care Trusts to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and providers becoming Foundation Trusts (FTs).
- If the NHS in Sussex continued spending at the current rate, the impact of demand on services from a changing and ageing population means that there would be a funding gap of £440m by April 2014. The objective of Sussex Together is to address this financial shortfall, to ensure around £2.5bn of annual NHS funding is spent to best effect, whilst ensuring services are developed and delivered according to local need.
- Partnership working would be essential to create a flexible environment
- The programme was being led by senior clinicians from primary and secondary care, alongside partners from local authorities and from Local Involvement Networks who had held three summits that had established four Clinical Design Groups (CDGs) concentrating on:
  - a) Frail and Elderly
  - b) Other Unscheduled Care

c) Planned Care

d) Medicines Management, Paediatrics and Maternity

- More work would also be done on dementia.
- The CDGs would determine the best way to deliver services and design them.
- The CDGs had identified ways of meeting around £160m of the £440m, through looking at approximately 50% of the services commissioned, which is significant progress, but NHS Sussex would need to stretch the ambitions of these CDGs and focus on remaining services to address the remaining financial challenge.
- A Sussex Clinical Senate had been formed and would meet on 9 May (and Mike Sadler, Executive Director Health and Social Care would represent West Sussex County Council on this). The Senate will be taking forward the Sussex Together programme, focusing on the best way to meet the health needs of the population on an ongoing basis, within available resources.
- The CCGs are the decision-making bodies on Sussex Together, and they would be rolling out local implementation of CDG recommendations from September. Any Sussex Together proposals/outcomes would be incorporated into CCGs' own commissioning plans.

13. The following points were covered in debate:

- The Committee had concerns that bed numbers would be reduced and thought that public consultation should take place before new services were implemented in September.
- The Committee was concerned that changes to the delivery of one service at a hospital would have a knock-on effect on its other services and could impact on its overall viability (e.g. changes to inpatient paediatrics would impact on Accident and Emergency services).
- The Committee was told that the programme was not about closing hospitals, although beds had to be used in the best way, but was about how to spend the NHS budget in Sussex to best effect.
- It is important to learn from the experience of Fit for the Future, and ensure appropriate early engagement and consultation with both the public and this Committee. Amanda Philpott confirmed that CCGs would be the channel for local public engagement.
- A more structured interaction between the various patient representative groups (e.g. Local Involvement Network, Practice Participation Groups, CCG patient panels) would be needed, particularly when engaging on issues such as Sussex Together.
- Current services would remain in place until new ones were developed.
- The programme would draw on existing knowledge and best practice, recognising the importance of education/training.
- £47m was a surplus required by the Department of Health (DH) via the Strategic Health Authority, as a contingency to cover unexpected events.
- Sussex Together was working with NHS Trusts based outside Sussex, but which provide services to Sussex residents (e.g. Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust)

14. Resolved – That the Committee

- i) Requests the earliest possible notice of the Sussex Together programme proposals is given to its Business Planning group, so that it can agree whether any further scrutiny of this issue is required, and how/when this should be carried out.

- ii) Requests a report on the Clinical Senate 9 May meeting to be made available to the Committee.

### **Overview of Health and Social Care in West Sussex**

15. The Committee received a presentation by Mike Sadler, Executive Director Health & Social Care (copy appended to the signed minutes) who told the Committee that his role was to build constructive, positive outcome focussed relationships between health and social care services and oversee the transformation of Adults' Services and Joint Commissioning. During his presentation he highlighted:

- Demand for services was increasing as people were living longer, including those with severe disabilities and learning difficulties.
- The responsibility for Public Health moving to the Council was a big change
- There had been a lot of talk, but little action over empowering individuals.
- Services had to think of themselves as co-carers, not providers.
- Locally, a lot of work had been done on developing partnerships.
- There was a need for transformational change.
- Commissioning was key to tackling challenges.
- The draft Health & Wellbeing Strategy had identified some key population groups – this would need to be refreshed constantly
- People's needs should be understood then the service modelled accordingly.
- Proactive care would prioritise the frail and elderly with one or two pioneer sites leading the way.
- More use should be made of assistive technology.
- A further presentation could be provided to the Committee once the Adult Social Care White Paper has been published.

16. Resolved – That the Committee notes the presentation.

### **Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

17. The Committee considered extracts of the Council's Forward Plan April – July 2012 (copy appended to the signed minutes). The following points were covered:

- The Task & Finish Group on Preparing for an Ageing Population, that looked at how the delivery of all the Council's services would impact on people as they grew older, had held two large consultation events in Crawley and Worthing. The emerging policy would also go out for consultation. Copies of the Task and Finish Group's draft report had been shared with all Members of the Committee via e-mail, for comment.
- The Joint Commissioning and procurement of Children's Community Health Services with NHS Sussex was being scrutinised by a cross-cutting scrutiny Task and Finish Group, with membership including Mrs Knight and Mrs Whitehead from this Committee.

18. Resolved – That the Committee notes the Forward Plan.

### **Members' Items**

19. The following matters were raised:

- The Local Involvement Network has reviewed discharge processes from hospitals, and its report would be forwarded to the Committee's Business Planning Group.
- The Committee expressed its thanks to the outgoing Chief Executive of Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, Duncan Selbie, for the successes he achieved in the role.
- It is very important that there is CCG input into the Committee's work, and that relevant information is shared when appropriate. The Business Planning Group will be considering liaison arrangements, to include with CCGs.

**Date of Next Meeting**

20. The next scheduled meeting is on 24 May at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester.

The meeting ended at 12.16pm.

Chairman.