

Unconfirmed minutes – subject to approval/amendment at the next meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item No. 2

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

21st January 2010 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Mrs Field (Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Mr Coleman, Mrs Knight, Mrs Mills, Mr A.R.H Smith, Mrs Waight, Dr Walsh, Mrs Whitehead (WSCC), Cllr Hotton (Adur District Council), Cllr Mrs Landriani (Mid Sussex District Council), Cllr Mrs Smee (Arun District Council), Mr Davies, Dr King and Miss Smith (LINK).

Apologies for absence were received from: Dr Bloom (WSCC), Cllr Ms Bradley (Worthing Borough Council), Cllr Gilroy (Crawley Borough Council), Cllr Dr Skipp (Horsham District Council).

Declarations of Interest

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

- Mrs Knight as a member of the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.
- Cllr Mrs Smee as a staff bank member for NHS West Sussex.
- Mr Davies as a lay member of the North East Review Panel.

Minutes

129. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2010 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Meetings with District and Borough Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSCs)

130. The Chairman reported that she and Helen Kenny (Scrutiny Officer) had attended a number of District and Borough OSCs to give a presentation on the work of West Sussex HOSC, to encourage effective joint working and ask for contributions to the HOSC work programme.

Mental Health Service Reconfiguration

131. The Committee received a joint report 'Introducing Better by Design' by the West Sussex Mental Health Commissioning Team (WSMHCT) and the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT), (copy attached to the signed minutes).

132. Dominic Ellett, Director WSMHCT and Richard Ford, Executive Commercial Director SPFT introduced the report. Dominic Ellett reported that a final decision would be made at the NHS West Sussex Board meeting later this month, on the timing for public consultation on the Better by Design Programme. A draft copy of the public consultation document was provided to Committee Members (copy attached to the signed minutes).

133. Dominic Ellett advised that independent reports had identified a high level of over supply of in-patient beds and the need to re-invest in the service, particularly in community based services. Richard Ford stated that it was necessary to improve

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services whilst at the same time improving efficiencies, at a difficult time for public services. He referred to the discussions with stakeholders which have taken place over the last six months and the difficult decisions that would have been taken on in-patient beds. The strategy would provide opportunities for investment in community services for the majority (95%) of mental health services users and to provide specialist high quality services for the 5% who require in-patient care.

134. Clare Ockwell (CAPITAL Project Trust), representing mental health service users, advised that local access to services and availability of facilities was crucial. She acknowledged that any loss of in-patient beds causes concern, but stressed the importance of strengthening community resources to prevent hospital admissions. Clare Ockwell also referred to the importance of increasing the therapeutic value of inpatient admissions if length of stay is to be shortened.

135. The Committee discussed the presentation. Members asked questions and made comments, including those that follow: - Members

- Welcomed the goals and aspirations set out in the Better by Design Programme.
- Suggested that the development of additional community mental health services should be set out more clearly in the public consultation document. This should include some kind of mapping to show the new Community Access Points.
- Asked for more detail of a specific programme of action on the aspirations for enhanced services in the Better by Design Programme. More information was also requested about help for armed service personnel and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). *Richard Ford advised that there would be a clear plan of action of the Better by Design Programme. Richard Ford advised that the Trust had scope to develop specialist services for armed forces personnel, particularly for trauma, a range of health and social care facilities and substance misuse. Dominic Ellett advised that CAMHS was a proven area of under investment but that it was not part of the Better by Design consultation. He suggested that the Children's Trust was an appropriate organisation to take forward plans for the development of CAMHS.*
- Asked about care of patients in hospital with dementia and the need to ensure that general hospitals understand their needs. *Dominic Ellett referred to a recent report by the Alzheimer's Society into this issue and advised that a 'liaison model' was being developed in West Sussex to support people in hospital with dementia.*
- Stressed the importance of suitable housing as a key factor in mental health. *Dominic Ellett confirmed that it was crucial to have the correct processes in place in order for people to be housed appropriately, and agreed that Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and District/Borough Council Housing Departments should be included in the list of consultation stakeholders provided. He also confirmed that the third sector would be closely involved in developing the Better by Design programme.*

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- Asked if there were any plans for suspending the consultation process if and when a General Election is called. *Richard Ford advised that the process would be going ahead as planned, but that SPFT would be prepared to suspend the process if the Programme was likely to become an election issue. Department of Health Guidance on this issue would also need to be taken into account.*
- Asked what the financial implications of the proposals were. *Dominic Ellett advised that the overall aim was to shift approximately 5% of investment in mental health services (approximately £2.5 million), which would be freed up for reinvestment.*
- Asked if HOSC Members could be provided with a copy of the “whole system survey” carried out by independent consultants. *Dominic Ellett will provide a copy to the Scrutiny Officer for circulation to Members.*

Action Dominic Ellett

- Raised the issue of the need to hold Board meetings of the SPFT in public. *Richard Ford advised that the issue was due to be discussed at a Board meeting on 25th January 2010. He added that the Council of Governors’ meetings were held in public and details of these meetings could be provided.*
- Asked for sight of the confidential report by the SPFT into the serious incident in Littlehampton in 2008. *Richard Ford agreed to make an appropriate level of information available to the HOSC.*

Action Richard Ford

136. Resolved – That

- (1) the content of the reports and papers is noted;
- (2) the impact of the Better by Design Strategy on mental health services within West Sussex and for the residents of West Sussex is commented on and considered;
- (3) the focus of discussion on plans for consultation on a reduced number of beds is about the need to make improvements to the mental health service and ensure that high quality facilities and services are available in the right location;
- (4) that an update report on Better by Design, to include the consultation process, is provided to HOSC at the meeting on 18th March 2010.

Proposal by Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) NHS Trust to become a Foundation Trust

137. The Committee received a presentation by Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust on the proposed Governance Structure, should they be successful in their application to become a Foundation Trust (copy attached to the signed minutes).

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138. Duncan Selbie Chief Executive, BSUH introduced the item and confirmed that the BSUH Board currently meets in public, and would continue to do so if Foundation Trust status is achieved.

139. The Committee discussed the presentation. Members made comments, including those that follow: - Members

- Welcomed the governance structure which gave Mid Sussex its own constituency;
- Suggested pairing the District Councils in the West Sussex Constituency to avoid duplicated representation;
- Suggested that a member of LINK be included on the Board of Governors.

140. Resolved – That the proposals as set out in the presentation by the Brighton and Sussex University Hospital to become a Foundation Trust are endorsed.

North East Review

141. The Committee received a report by the Head of Policy and Democratic Services on the North East Review (copy attached to the signed minutes).

142. Brian Hughes, Assistant Chief Executive NHS West Sussex introduced the item and outlined the objectives and outcomes of the North East Review. He thanked all participants who had worked so hard on the Review.

143. The Committee discussed the presentation. Members asked questions and made comments, including those that follow: - Members

- Asked about progress on Recommendation 35 – access to LINAC (radiotherapy services). *Sarah Creamer, Director of Strategy NHS West Sussex advised that a project board had been set up. The focus was on clear pathways of care for cancer patients and progress was being made.*
- Asked about inconsistencies in the care of mental health patients particularly for CAMHS. *Sarah Creamer advised that there were plans to review the CAMHS service over the next six months. She suggested that moving responsibility within NHSWS for CAMHS from Mental Health Commissioning to Children's Services would be beneficial.*
- Asked about recruitment issues in Recommendations 20, 21, 22 and 30. *Brian Hughes advised that work was ongoing on these issues. He would ask Eileen Clark to update HOSC.*

Action Brian Hughes

- Asked about the feasibility study for a new hospital at Pease Pottage, part-commissioned by West Sussex County Council, Horsham District Council and Crawley Borough Council. *Brian Hughes advised that NHS West Sussex was aware of press coverage regarding this issue, but*

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was not itself directly involved. Members were advised to speak to Mike Link, WSCC (Head of Planning and Partnerships) for more information.

- Raised the issue of access and choice in maternity services in certain areas (particularly those close to county boundaries). *Sarah Creamer explained the difficulties of providing choice for the public without replicating services, added to the fact that midwives are a scarce resource. Members agreed that the issue of maternal choice should be considered as part of the HOSC work programme for 2010/11.*
- Asked about the role of the North East Partnership Board for Health. *Brian Hughes gave details of the membership and explained that the Board will be a forum for continued monitoring of issues for health improvement in the North East. The terms of reference could be circulated.*

Action Brian Hughes

144. Resolved – That

- (1) the final North East Review Progress Report is noted (Appendix A);
- (2) progress made against the HOSC recommendations made in February 2009 (Appendix B) is noted;
- (3) that the following key issues be considered by HOSC as part of its annual work programme planning process in February 2010: -
 - maternity services and maternal choice
 - capacity/development in the acute sector in the North East of the County
 - recruitment and retention issues
 - enhancement of services at community hospitals (especially Crawley).

West Sussex Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP)

145. The Committee received a report by the SCP Task Force (copy attached to the signed minutes).

146. Mike Coleman introduced the report and highlighted some points on the layout and wording in the SCP. He thanked the members and officers who had participated on the Task Force.

147. Sarah Creamer welcomed the input of HOSC to the SCP and agreed to provide the HOSC with the re-draft.

Action: Sarah Creamer

148. Resolved – That the Task Force recommendations as set out in the report are agreed. NHS West Sussex is asked to consider the recommendations in its refresh of the SCP.

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Business Planning Group Report

149. The Committee received a report by the Business Planning Group (copy attached to the signed minutes).

150. Resolved – That the report of the Business Planning Group is noted.

Date of Next Meeting

151. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 18th March 2010 at County Hall, Chichester. The agenda is likely to include: -

- Primary Angioplasty
- Crawley Health Centre – progress report
- Mental Health Service reconfiguration – update report

The meeting ended at 12.25 p.m.

Chairman