
SCRUTINY PANEL B
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 February 2011

Present: Councillors Capozzoli (Chair), Daunt (Vice-Chair), Drake, Harris, Marsh-Jenks, Payne and Parnell

In Attendance: Councillor White – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health

34. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Scrutiny Panel B Meeting on 13th January 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

35. **DEVELOPMENT OF COMMISSIONING CONSORTIA IN SOUTHAMPTON**

The Panel considered noted the report from the steering group supervising the establishment of a Shadow GP Consortium in Southampton detailing the progress towards forming a Southampton City Commissioning Consortium. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Dr Townsend representing the steering group of the Shadow GP consortium briefed the Panel regarding what progress had been made in establishing a consortium of doctors in the Southampton area. Dr Townsend detailed how the Shadow Consortium had been constituted and who had participated in the selection of its membership. In addition it the process to ensure that the new consortia would be required to undertake prior to it superseding the Primary Care Trust as the primary commissioner of health provision was explained.

With consent of the Chair, Ms Blingo address the meeting.

36. **INTERIM REPORT ON THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO THE FUTURE OF BITTERNE WALK-IN SERVICE**

The Panel considered the report of the Chief Executive of NHS Southampton detailing consultation on Bitterne Walk In Centre. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

With the permission of the Chair Mr Chaffey representing local residents presented a petition directly to the Chief Executive of NHS at the start of the consideration of this item

The Chief Executive of NHS Southampton City (Mr Deans) and Dr Higgins along with Dr Townsend presented the main findings of the consultation so far and answered questions from the Panel in relation to the provision of service in the area.

With consent of the Chair and Mr Chaffey and Mrs Turner (local residents) and Harry Dymond (Chair of the Southampton Link) addressed the meeting

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Panel noted how the consultation regarding the Bitterne Walk in Centre had progressed and the what the next steps were in process;
- (ii) The Panel noted that a general concern had been raised in relation the difficulties experienced by members of the public in booking appointments at their local surgeries and stressed the importance of ensuring that the public are aware of how to readily access the appropriate level of care without being inconvenienced;
- (iii) The Panel noted the concerns raised in regarding to communicating what services are actually available in the area;
- (iv) That the Primary Care Trust provide the Panel with their final proposal following analysis of the consultation responses; and
- (v) The Panel noted that of the options consulted upon, Option 2 had received the most public support and therefore felt that this option was preferable but, stressed the importance addressing of the concerns raised regarding access and communication.