
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2013

Present: Councillors Stevens (Chair), Claisse, Cunio (For minutes numbers 20-23 only), Parnell and Spicer

Apologies: Councillors Chaloner and Laming

20. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Panel noted that the apologies of Councillors Chaloner and Laming.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Panel meeting on 18th July 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

22. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the Agenda Item 8. The confidential Report contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 1 and 2 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

23. **SOUTHAMPTON LOCAL CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING BOARD**

The Panel received and noted the confidential report of the Director of People detailing an update on the Local Board.

The Panel additionally noted that the process to appoint a new Chair would take place in October.

24. **QUALITY ASSURANCE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROVISION**

The Panel received the report of the Director, People outlining work being undertaken to ensure safety and quality in adult health and care provision. Dr Carol Tozer Chair of the Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) addressed the meeting with, the consent of the Chair.

The following was noted:-

- The number Registered Nursing Homes within the City currently have Safeguarding Suspension Status or Safeguarding Caution Status;
- The process these registered homes would have to go through in order to improve their status;
- What support / guidance is provided to homes that have been suspended in order for them to improve their standards;
- How notification of suspension was notified to the public through the Care Quality Commission's website

- The review process for care providers;
- The development of an integrated commissioning unit between the City Council and City's Clinical Commissioning Group in order to integrate quality assurance standards across the two organisations,
- How Southampton Healthwatch can assist in the notification of providers of care

RESOLVED

- (i) that the report be noted, and
- (ii) regular exception reports on the quality and safety of health and social care provision in Southampton that highlight key areas of concern and actions be brought to the Panel.

25. **BUILDING ON SUCCESS - LYMINGTON NEW FOREST HOSPITAL - THE NEXT TEN YEARS: LISTENING EXERCISE UPDATE**

The Panel received and noted the report of Programme Director of Clinical Commissioning, outlining the events and responses to date from the Listening Exercise in relation to the Lyminster New Forest Hospital Strategic Review.

26. **UPDATE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CCG, KEY NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND WORKING WITH THE WIDER HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SYSTEM.**

The Panel received and noted the report of the Chief Officer of Southampton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), updating the Panel on progress in the establishment of the CCG, key national developments and working with the wider health and social care system

John Richards Chief Officer of the Southampton Clinical Commissioning Group introduced his report and gave a broad outline of the Group's overall budget and undertook to circulate a more detailed financial breakdown to the Panel.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the report be noted
- (ii) that the Panel requested that a financial breakdown of the Clinical Commissioning Group's contracts be circulated to Panel;

27. **UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SOUTHAMPTON; UPDATE ON EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT / MONITOR AND THE CHILD HEART SURGERY REVIEW**

The Panel received and noted the report of the Chief Operating Officer and the Director of Communications and Public Engagement for University Hospitals Southampton, updating the Panel on progress to date;

The following was noted:

- That the University Hospital Southampton (USH) Emergency Department did not receive any of the recent additional Government funding, although the neighbouring departments in Winchester and Portsmouth had been successful;
- That a recent close analysis of those attending the Emergency Department had established that the majority of patients did attend the most appropriate provider

when they required medical treatment . It was stressed that the additional work done by partners has sign posted patients correctly;

- That the USH had taken the decision to establish its own emergency funding stream to help cope with any addition funding pressures brought on by for example a cold winter;
- That it was hoped that additional beds would be available this winter that would help to alleviate any problems caused by bed blocking;
- That work with local partner organisations was geared to reduce any potential blocking had been undertaken;
- That there was still a marked increase in emergency cases that reflected the excess consumption of alcohol at weekends and periods like fresher's week for the City's universities;
- That a new pharmacy and procedures had been put into place that were intended to relieve any stress caused by bed block at the hospital by enabling a speedier discharge of patients awaiting drugs.

RESOLVED that the Panel requested further updates on the progress of the Emergency Department at future meetings.

28. **OPERATING PROTOCOL BETWEEN HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD, HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL, AND HEALTHWATCH SOUTHAMPTON**

The Panel received and noted the report of the Director of Public Health, setting out the roles and responsibilities of Health and Wellbeing Boards and local Healthwatch.

The Panel noted that the

RESOLVED

- (i) That the draft protocol set out as Appendix 1 to this report be approved
- (ii) That authority be delegated to Director of Public Health, after consultation with the Chair, to make any drafting or other amendments required following consideration by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Healthwatch Southampton that do not affect the spirit of the intentions of the protocol
- (iii) That in the interest of clarification, at a future meeting the Panel a definition of what is meant by the phrase "significant change to service" will be brought to the Panel to consider at a future meeting.