

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillors D'Arcy, Edgington, and Parkins

Also Present: Councillors Mrs Falp and Quinney.

15. **Apologies and Substitutes**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Knight and Mrs Redford. There were no substitutes.

16. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

17. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18. **Health Service planning linked to major new developments**

The Sub-Committee welcomed Anna Hargrave, Director of Strategy and Engagement (NHS South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)) to its meeting to explain how the NHS South Warwickshire CCG worked with nearby Local Authorities to meet its demands for the future.

Ms Hargrave explained that the South Warwickshire CCG was in regular contact with both Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council about proposed planning developments and she talked through the process to meet future NHS needs within the community:

- (a) the SW CCG had a Local Estate Strategy; this meant that it reviewed how it could more effectively use its buildings and facilities across the whole of South Warwickshire;
- (b) it would take into account a five year forward view from NHS England which spelt out how the NHS had to transform within the next five years. This would encompass multi-specialist providers and various pilot schemes would be trialled throughout the whole country;
- (c) it would look at sustainability and transformation plans required over the next five years to meet the needs of Coventry and Warwickshire. Shortfalls in service were being identified and it was hoped to complete this process by June 2016; and
- (d) money to fund the process of meeting NHS service requirements to provide adequate building and facilities and accompanying I.T. needs could be obtained by submitting a bid to the Primary Care Transformation Fund.

Ms Hargrave then spoke briefly about the challenges to meet the requirements, and whilst obtaining Capital funding was not a pressing issue, she informed Members that meeting Revenue funding was and that

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there was a shortage of sufficient numbers of G.Ps to meet local demands. With rising population, bigger buildings for NHS services were required, which in turn would lead to higher notional rent amounts and therefore significant increases in costs for this were anticipated. Ms Hargrave stated that the SW CCG was planning for a 2% growth in population per annum; and this was against a background of decreasing numbers of G.Ps.

Ms Hargrave then went into further detail about changes to services that would be required and understanding the demand in 15 years' time. She addressed how some of these demands might be met by building more health centres, digitising records and procedures; even digitising consultations between patients and their medical practitioners.

In summation, Ms Hargrave explained how Local Authorities could help meet the NHS needs of its residents:

- (a) to work together to help the SW CCG make assumptions on service level requirements over the next three years; the NHS needed more help assessing population number changes and timings on when these will occur;
- (b) to work together on assessing the various needs of the population and how they will access primary care; the needs of the young differ from the elderly; the needs of those at work differ from those who do not work;
- (c) to help understanding the health needs of the "new" population; and
- (d) to work with the SW CCG to understand its duty to provide "access to primary care" and how this can be used more effectively in securing section 106 monies.

19. The Council's role in promoting physical activity

The Sub-Committee welcomed two officers from Cultural Services to its meeting:

- Stuart Winslow - Sports and Leisure Manager; and
- Manoj Sonecha – Active Communities Officer

to explain what the Council was doing to promote physical activity within the District.

The officers explained what was being done and how this linked in to the Council's draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Government's five year strategy for an "Active Nation". Examples were provided on what was being done to support various sectors of the community ranging from the young to people with physical and mental welfare issues.

Officers explained what was being done to upgrade the current leisure and sports facilities and to future proof these to meet current and future leisure requirements. Sports and leisure clubs also had access to grant funding and in this year to-date, 23 awards for grant funding had been made; 60 grants had been made in the last three years. Other grant funding was available via application to the Council under the RUCIS scheme. Work was being done to provide coaching workshops and to provide help publicising events.

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Members were pleased to hear that so much was being done to create an active community, but they felt that more needed to be done to allow the community to know about what was provided in the community. It was felt that this was a matter that might require further scrutiny, with phasing and funding being two areas likely to be examined.

20. Health Service implications from the night-time economy; Response from Mr Glen Burley, Chief Executive - South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

At a previous meeting of the Sub-Committee, it had been resolved that the Chief Executive of Warwick Hospital was contacted for information about the costs of the night-time economy. Following on from this decision, the Lead Officer for Health and Wellbeing had contacted the Chief Executive, and he in turn had provided some information on the issue of alcohol related Accident and Emergency activity.

After considering the report, the Sub-Committee felt that at this point in time, Mr Burley should not be invited to attend a meeting, but this would be reviewed in six months when a request would be made for data on longer term trends and whether it was possible to monitor this.

21. Health Strategy Update

The Health & Wellbeing Lead reported that:

- Progress was being made with the Dementia Friends programme. People in the community were being trained to become Dementia Friends and the Council was in the process of joining the Coventry and Warwickshire Dementia Alliance.
- The Council was developing a network for the "Walking for Health" initiative. Once the network was completed, the Council would then start working on "walks for better health". This would involve a part-day training course for people to lead walks. Presentations on the initiative would be delivered to community forums.
- The Council qualified for the Workplace Wellbeing Charter and the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Lead would be collecting the award tomorrow.

22. Review of the Work Programme & Forward Plan

The Sub-Committee considered its work programme for 2016/17.

Members decided that the Health Service commissioning related to the Local Plan item could be removed from the work programme because it had been covered in the talk given by Ms Hargrave that evening. It was also felt that there was no longer a need for a guest speaker for mental healthcare to attend because this had been covered by the talk previously received on dementia. However, it was felt that the removal of this item should be checked by Councillor Mrs Redford first.

The item for a report on the Housing Assessment Team should be reviewed at the next meeting in July to see if it was still required.

Following on from discussion of items for the Work Programme it was

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Resolved that:

- (1) Health Service commissioning related to the Local Plan be removed from the work programme;
- (2) a guest speaker for mental healthcare be removed from the work programme if this is confirmed by Councillor Mrs Redford; and
- (3) a report bringing forward updated figures on smoking and e-cigarettes be brought forward together with a review of current policy;

(The meeting finished at 8.20 pm)