

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



Friday, 25 July 2008

at 2.00 pm

**in Council Chamber
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: HARTLEPOOL'S HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM:

Councillors Barker, Brash, R W Cook, S Cook, A Lilley, Plant, Simmons, Sutheran and Young

Resident Representatives: Jean Kennedy, Linda Shields, Mike Ward

REPRESENTATIVES FROM DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL: Jean Chaplow, Rick Burnip, Vacancy

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Forum held on 3 July 2008 (*to follow*)

- 4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM**

No items.

- 5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

No items.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS**

No items.

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare - Consultation

7.1 Emerging Themes / Responses - Presentation:-

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer; and*
- (b) Presentation - *North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust.*

8. **ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM FORWARD PLAN**

9. **FEEDBACK FROM RECENT MEETING OF TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE**

10. **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 4 August 2008 at 11.00 am in the Council Chamber

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

MINUTES

3 July 2008

The meeting commenced at 3.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Jonathan Brash (In the Chair);

Councillors: Caroline Barker, Rob Cook, Alison Lilley, Michelle Plant and David Young.

Resident Representatives:

Jean Kennedy, Linda Shields and Mike Ward

Also Present:

Councillors Geoff Lilley and Edna Wright
Councillor R Burnip, Durham County Council
Faisal Jassat, Head of Overview and Scrutiny, Durham County Council
Stephen Gwilym, Scrutiny Manager, Easington District Council
Carole Langrick, Director of Strategy, North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
Nick Roper, Consultant Physician, North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
Paul Frank, Head of Patient Experience, Tees Primary Care Trust
Sarah Scott, Patient Involvement Manager, Tees Primary Care Trust
Richard Shields, Director DTZ

Officers:

Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager
Joan Wilkins, Scrutiny Support Officer
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

16. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Simmons and Lilian Sutheran and Councillor Jean Chaplow, Durham County Council.

17. Declarations of Interest by Members

Councillor Jonathan Brash declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute number 21.

18. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Final Reports of this Forum

None.

19. Consideration of Request for Scrutiny Reviews referred via Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

None.

20. Consideration of Progress Reports/Budget and Policy Framework Documents

None.

21. Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare - Consultation
(*Scrutiny Support Officer*)

The Scrutiny Support Officer presented a report which introduced the representatives from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, Hartlepool Primary Care Trust (PCT), North Tees PCT and DTZ who were invited to discuss the Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare proposals. Members were informed that during the course of the consultation, an additional two meetings of the Forum would be held to discuss the issue with representatives from Durham County Council as follows:

25 July 2008 – 3.00 pm, Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

4 August 2008 – 11.00 am, Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

The Director of Strategy, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation which examined the following:

- Introduction and background to the Momentum programme
- What and where services would be provided
- Plans for community based facilities to host the services
- Plans for the new hospital
- Transport
- What happens next

The Director of Strategy highlighted that the aim of the programme was to take forward the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel which were in line with the White Paper, Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services. The Consultant Physician in attendance presented to Members the Trust's vision for the future healthcare of the region which would provide the highest quality of care that was safe and accessible to everyone and would be integrated with all care

providers, including the voluntary sector and Social Services, and be responsive to people's needs. The presentation outlined current and future models for unplanned and planned care, diagnostics and maternity care.

The proposed sites for a new hospital were provided for Members and included sites at Wynyard Business Park and Green Farm, Wolviston. It was acknowledged that transport would be an important issue for either of the new hospital sites and a multi-agency Transport Group had been formed involving Hartlepool and Tees PCTs, the local authorities in the area and the Highways Agency. This Group would formulate a Transport Strategy to ensure good transport links to the new hospital were in place.

Members were informed that the consultation process would continue until the end of August 2008 with all views collated and presented to the NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2008.

A lengthy discussion ensued which included the following issues:

- (i) There was concern from Members in relation to the maternity services to be provided and the inference that home births would be encouraged. The Consultant Physician indicated The Trust was trying to ensure that as wide a choice as possible was available for pregnant women with risk assessments undertaken to make certain that the safest and best quality services were available. Members were asked to note that obstetricians and midwives were currently planning the detailed provision of the maternity service including whether to have two separate areas comprising a consultant led unit and birthing unit. It was suggested that the Consultant Obstetrician and Head of Midwifery be invited to a future meeting of the forum to discuss the proposals for the provision of maternity services.
- (ii) Clarification was sought on the changes to staffing levels and possible redundancies. The Consultant Physician confirmed that the Trust valued its staff hugely and acknowledged that uncertainty was a big issue, but confirmed that all staff received regular updates through a weekly newsletter and were involved in shaping the review of the provision of health care services through the identification of ways to improve patient care. In response to a Member's question, the Director of Strategy confirmed that there would be some staffing changes where there were changes to service provision, for example, where a service was to be integrated into the community health care provision. The changes were more about how and where was best suited to provide the service to ensure the best care was achieved for the patient.
- (iii) How would the out-patients' service be affected by these changes, would patients have to travel for a basic appointment? The Consultant Physician indicated that the place of treatment for an out-patient would depend on the degree of specialisation required for that patient and how quickly they needed to be seen. It was noted that specialists would generally be located centrally within the new hospital but that options were being examined to provide out-patient services within the community to enable an element of choice for the

- patient.
- (iv) How future-proof would the new buildings be? The Director of Strategy indicated that the Trust were aiming to ensure that any new buildings would be future proof as much as possible with the key being flexibility to incorporate space for expansion or changes in service provision should this become necessary. One of the design options being considered was the creation of single rooms with moveable partitions. This would ensure privacy and the control of infection but would also provide flexibility.
 - (v) Would the move to a new hospital be a phased transfer of services? The Director of Strategy informed Members that the Estates Director would be in attendance at a future meeting to answer this question in more detail. However, the transfer would be done across two stages beginning with the development of service provision within the community, followed by the opening of the new hospital, although the details of how services would be transferred to the new hospital had not yet been finalised.
 - (vi) Clarification was sought on the provision of diagnostics and access to tests and results. The Consultant Physician indicated that access to tests had changed over the last couple of years with inpatients being treated ahead of outpatients. However the Trust were currently looking at electronic reporting to GPs to ensure that the results were given to patients quicker.
 - (vii) There was some concern that the options being considered were a step backward to when Hartlepool had five hospitals. The Consultant Physician confirmed that one of the aims of the programme was to provide healthcare services where they were required and if there was a demand for a clinic within the community this would be provided.
 - (viii) A resident representative raised the issue of awareness within the elderly population of service provision and the location for this service. The Director of Strategy acknowledged that this was an excellent point and reassured Members this would be looked at.

The Director of Strategy presented a video to the forum which showed the design principles of the new hospital. It was noted that the design included 100% single rooms which were very important for privacy and infection control. The design also incorporated leading edge information community technology. The Consultant from DTZ highlighted to Members the two sites on the west side of the A19 currently being examined for the location of the new hospital and explained why the two sites which were east of the A19 had been discounted. It was noted that the development of an accessible transport system was a key part to the success of either of the locations.

A lengthy discussion ensued which included the following issues:

- (ix) Could the Trust confirm whether Site B bordered a significant ecological site? The Consultant indicated that he was unaware of this.
- (x) To what extent were the local bus companies involved in planning the transport strategy and what multi-agency financial support was there

available for the development of this strategy? The Director of Strategy indicated that the Transport Group were in the early stages of planning but this would include negotiations with potential providers of transport at some point in the future. The Trust recognised that multi-agency funding would be examined in a similar way to the way the bus shuttle service had been jointly funded by Hartlepool Council and North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust, although it was acknowledged that any transport provision would need to be utilised to ensure its viability.

- (xi) What plans were there to ensure that sufficient car parking was available and would this be pay and display parking? The Director of Strategy indicated that car parking was being looked at as part of this process, although a charging system had not been identified yet. Members were asked to note that a significant amount of the revenue raised from car parking charges was utilised to provide a security service within those car parks.
- (xii) A Member sought clarification on what extent the delivery of local services had been compromised by the Trusts recent award of Foundation Status and to what extent had the cost of the land available been part of the decision to which site to use for the new hospital site as the business rates would generate a significant amount of money. The Chair of the Forum confirmed that business rate revenue was forwarded to Central Government for distribution within the appropriate Government guidelines. The Director of Strategy reiterated that the aim of this consultation process was to plan for how to develop a new hospital whilst setting out the benefits, risks and implications. The viability of any decision made would need to be justified to the Department of Health for submission for approval to the Treasury Department.
- (xiii) A Member raised concerns about the withdrawal of public transport to the Headland Health Centre and the need to consider the provision of transport to the community-based facilities as well as the new hospital site. It was confirmed that transport provision to community-based facilities would be examined by the Transport Group as part of the whole Transport Strategy. Members were asked to note that the Transport Strategy would need to be in place prior to planning approval being given.
- (xiv) Would consideration be given to patients who required transport home when the public transport system was unavailable, for example during the night? The Consultant Physician clarified that the Trust did provide ambulance transport home when this was deemed necessary for clinical reasons, but added that the NHS was duty bound to provide value for money for the provision of health services not transport.
- (xv) Clarification was sought on the use of the new health centre in Park Road and the utilisation of the health centre in Caroline Street. It was confirmed that the new health centre in Park Road would include a walk-in centre and 2 GP practices. The centre at Caroline Street may be used for the provision of the Out of Hours Service in addition to the centre in Park Road. In order to clarify the issues of what services would be provided within the community and where, it was suggested

that it would be beneficial for the Forum to receive an overview of what facilities could be used and for what and at what location.

- (xvi) In relation to the two proposed sites for the location of the new hospital, it was mentioned within the presentation that the two discounted sites were constrained by commercial viability and development constraints and clarification was sought on this issue. The consultant from DTZ confirmed that the discounted sites were within the ownership of the Church Commission for England who were reluctant to sell the land. The development constraints referred to included a pipeline that was in place on the east side of the A19 and the location of pylons and a watercourse running over the site.
- (xvii) How would a decision on the chosen site be made? The Director of Strategy indicated that the criteria for the site for the new hospital was demonstrated within the consultation document and this would be revisited as part of the decision making along with the results of the consultation currently being undertaken.
- (xviii) There was some concern that some of the more hard to reach groups within the community had not been consulted. The Consultant Physician confirmed that thorough consultation was fundamental to getting this process right and that the voluntary sector provided a lot of care and support to the more hard to reach groups and this link would be utilised to ensure that the hard to reach groups were included within this process.

The representatives from the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust and Hartlepool and North Tees PCTs were thanked for their attendance and for their informative presentation.

Decision

- (i) That the Consultant Obstetrician and Head of Midwifery involved in the shaping of the maternity services for Hartlepool be invited to a future of this Forum to present details of the proposed service provision.
- (ii) That the Estates Director be invited to a future meeting to discuss the process for the relocation of the provision of services.
- (iii) That information be provided on the services to be provided within the Hospital and Darzi Clinic within Peterlee.
- (iv) That an overview of the services proposed to be provided within the community and the location of these services be presented to a future meeting of the Forum.

22. Consultation Process - Update *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer introduced a representative from the Tees Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) who had been invited to the meeting to provide an update on the consultation process of the Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare programme.

The Head of Patient Experience confirmed that the consultation process ran from 2 June 2008 to 1 September 2008, details of which were included within the presentation and incorporated roadshows, household distribution,

radio adverts and a dedicated website. It was noted that there were various consultation events to be held across the region the Hartlepool events being:

Tuesday 24 June, 6pm, The Staincliffe Hotel, Seaton Carew

Monday 21 July, 10am, Historic Quay, Maritime Avenue

Wednesday 20 August, 2pm, Borough Hall, The Headland

Members were asked to note that feedback received as a result of the consultation would be analysed independently by a company in Thirsk and then reported to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2008.

The representative from the Tees PCTs was thanked for his attendance and informative presentation.

Decision

That the update on the consultation process and dates of consultation events be noted.

23. Proposed Timetable for Joint Hartlepool and Durham Consultation Process *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Chair presented to the Forum a proposed timetable for the Joint Hartlepool and Durham consultation process. It was noted that the meeting originally proposed for the 16 July 2008 had to be rearranged due to industrial action and was now scheduled to take place on Friday 25 July at 2pm.

Decision

Members noted and accepted the proposed timetable.

The meeting concluded at 6.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

25 July 2008



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: MOMENTUM: PATHWAYS TO HEALTHCARE
CONSULTATION - EMERGING THEMES /
RESPONSES - PRESENTATION – COVERING
REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members that representative's from North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust and Hartlepool PCT & North Tees PCT will be in attendance at today's meeting to further discuss:-
- (i) Emerging themes and responses from the Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare consultation process; and
 - (ii) Issues raised at the previous meeting of the Forum on the 3 July in relation to community service provision (current and future), transport provision, the business case for possible locations.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Under Section 244 of the NHS Act 2006, local NHS bodies have a duty to consult local Overview and Scrutiny Committees on proposals for any substantial development of the health service or substantial variation in the provision in their areas.
- 2.2 Under the Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare Programme, formal consultations are now ongoing in relation to recommendations from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel for the development of a single site hospital serving the population covered by North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust.
- 2.3 During the period of these consultations (2 June 2008 to 1 September 2008) three meetings of Hartlepool's Health Scrutiny Forum will be held to discuss the issue, with representations from Durham County Council. The first meeting of the Forum to consider this issue was held on the 3 July 2008, at which a presentation outlining details of the consultation proposals was provided, with a further two meetings will be held on:-

25 July 2008, 2pm (today's meeting); and
4 August 2008, 11am (Council Chamber, Hartlepool Civic Centre).

- 2.3 Continuing the process for the formulation of a joint consultation response from Hartlepool Borough Council and Stockton Borough Council, a meeting of the Section 244 Health Scrutiny Joint Committee will also be held on the 2 September 2008, 3pm (Council Chamber, Hartlepool Civic Centre) to discuss the issues raised, and comments made, during each authority's discussions on the proposals. The joint report subsequently produced will then be referred to the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee for consideration during the formulation of a final response to the NHS Joint Committee in September.
- 2.4 Arrangements have been made for representatives from North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust and Hartlepool PCT & North Tees PCT to be in attendance at today's meeting to deliver a presentation as detailed in section 1.1 above. In addition to this, invitations have also been extended to a range of other interested parties who subject to their attendance will contribute to the evidence gathering process.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members note the content of the presentation and question as felt appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report