

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday, 23 September 2009

at 3.00 pm

**in the Conference Suite,
Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre,
Kendal Road, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM:

Councillors Barker, Brash, S Cook, A Lilley, G Lilley, Plant, Sutheran, Worthy and Young

Resident Representatives:

Jean Kennedy, Linda Shields and Mike Ward

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2009
- 4. RESPONSES FROM LOCAL NHS BODIES, THE COUNCIL, 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

7.1 Transforming Community Services in Hartlepool:-

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Manager*; and
- (b) Presentation - Deputy Director of Health Systems and Estates Development (*Hartlepool PCT*).

8. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM FORWARD PLAN

No items

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

9.1 Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee - Update - *Scrutiny Manager*

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday, 6 October 2009 at 3.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

MINUTES

1 September 2009

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

Present:

Councillor: Jonathan Brash (In the Chair)

Councillors: Allison Lilley, Geoff Lilley, Gladys Worthy and David Young.

Resident Representatives:

Linda Shields and Mike Ward.

Officers:

Jill Harrison, Assistant Director, Children's Services

Chris Hart, Planning and Commissioning Manager

Carl Bashford, Joint Strategic Commissioning Manager- Mental Health, PCT

Joan Wilkins, Scrutiny Manager

Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

13. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shaun Cook.

14. Declarations of Interest by Members

None.

15. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2009

Confirmed.

16. Closing the Loop Report – Reaching Families in Need Final Report (*Scrutiny Manager*)

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report which provided Members of the Health Scrutiny Forum with the formal response in relation to the agreed recommendations arising from the investigation into 'Reaching Families in Need'. Members were informed that Cabinet considered the report along with the action plan on 7 August 2009 with all recommendations being approved with the exception of the one in relation to the creation of a separate portfolio. The actions detailed within the action plan, which was attached at Appendix A, would be monitored as part of the ongoing monitoring and would be reported back on a six-monthly basis.

A discussion ensued during which it was noted that in relation to the recommendation not accepted, the Mayor had indicated that social exclusion would be moved up the agenda for all portfolios. Members were keen to seek reassurance from the Mayor on how he intended to do this.

In relation to Connected Care, a Member sought clarification on the roll out of the programme. The Chairman indicated that fixed timescales for the roll out of the Connected Care programme would be forwarded to Members and confirmed that the Forum would have a role to play with possible future investigation once a decision had been taken. Members were asked to note that the report emphasised the need to treat people as individual family units as opposed to which area of the town they lived in. It was confirmed that as the programme was rolled out, there would be many debates of how it's rolled out and what format the programme should be.

Decision

The proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan were noted.

17. Scrutiny Investigation into 'Alcohol Abuse – Prevention and Treatment' – Scoping Report (*Scrutiny Manager*)

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report which made proposals for the Forum's investigation into 'Alcohol Abuse – Prevention and Treatment'.

The proposed overall aim for the investigation was "to investigate the provision and effectiveness of alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services in Hartlepool". The following terms of reference for the investigation were proposed:-

- (a) To gain an understanding of national recommendations relating to the provision/delivery of alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services.
- (b) To gain an understanding of the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services available in Hartlepool and how they were being delivered.
- (c) To seek the views of people who use services and other interested groups/individuals, on the provision and delivery of alcohol prevention and treatment services in Hartlepool.
- (d) To seek and compare good practice from another comparable local authority in relation to the provision and delivery of alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services; and
- (e) To identify suggestions for improvements to the way in which alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services are delivered in Hartlepool.

The following timetable for the investigation was also set out within the report.

10 November 2009 – Voluntary questionnaire, setting scene presentation, evidence from the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health Services, evidence from the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services and evidence from the Member of Parliament for Hartlepool, Iain Wright.

December 2009 (additional meeting) – Themed meeting around provision of preventative services, evidence from the Council, outside organisations, health bodies (PCT and FT), police etc. Input will also be sought from service users and where available anonymous case studies.

2 February 2010 – Themed meeting around provision of treatment services, evidence from the Council, outside organisations, health bodies (PCT and FT), police etc. Input will also be sought from service users and where available anonymous case studies.

9 March 2010 – To receive evidence on good practice in other areas and the cost and impact of dealing with alcohol abuse for families and the wider community. The forum will be asked to formalise any suggestions it may have for improvements to the way in which alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services are to be delivered in Hartlepool.

13 April 2010 – Consideration of draft final report.

23 April 2010 – Consideration of final report by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

10 or 24 May 2010 – Consideration of Final Report by the Cabinet (tentative dates).

A discussion ensued during which it was suggested that Inspector Tony Green from Cleveland Police and an officer from the Licensing Section of the Council be invited to give their views. In addition the views of other local authorities, in particular from Scotland may be beneficial. Members were requested to be mindful that the investigation would not deal with the national licensing legislation in force but would concentrate on local issues arising from alcohol abuse.

A Member referred to the previous investigation undertaken by the Health Scrutiny Forum into alcohol abuse and the Chair indicated that this report would be forwarded to Members for their information. Reference was also made to examples of good practice and the Scrutiny Manager indicated that a list of web-links to other authorities which will provide additional information to help Members during this investigation will also be included.

In addition to the consultees already identified, the Planning and Commissioning Manager suggested including the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and the wider involvement of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership who have evidence and data related to treatment and the community safety viewpoint. Members were also asked to give consideration to including as appropriate additional representatives from

treatment providers i.e. Intrahealth, the Albert Centre and MIND as consultees. Members were informed that there were additional sources of evidence available from national databases where individuals were registered in relation to treatment, community safety and offending etc. The Joint Strategic Commissioning Manager suggested that the Tees Valley Esk Valley Trust be included also.

It was noted that the Hartlepool Mail were currently undertaking a survey on alcohol abuse in the town and it was thought that the information gathered as part of this survey may prove useful to this investigation.

The Chair emphasised the importance of the Mayor and MP participating in this investigation in view of the implications for community safety and due to the licensing legislation currently in place. In addition, this issue had been raised through the Chair's regular meetings with both the Foundation Trust and Primary Care Trust and it was hoped that this investigation would show that the seriousness of alcohol abuse in Hartlepool cannot be underestimated.

Decision

The remit of the Health Scrutiny Forum's investigation into 'Alcohol Abuse – Prevention and Treatment' was agreed.

18. Six Monthly Monitoring of agreed Health Scrutiny Forum's Recommendations (*Scrutiny Manager*)

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report which provided Members with the six monthly progress made on the delivery of the agreed scrutiny recommendations of this Forum. It was highlighted that 96.8% of recommendations had been achieved and it was noted that a full comparison across all scrutiny forums would be submitted to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 18 September 2009.

A resident representative queried the number of recommendations where the target had been achieved in relation to the Access to GP services. The Scrutiny Manager indicated she would forward the detailed information on this action to the resident representative and confirmed that the PCT had been invited to a future meeting of the Forum to provide an update on this issue.

In relation to social prescribing, a Member queried why this was no longer deliverable. The Chair explained that the recommendation related to New Deal for Communities funding which the local authority was unable to allocate. However, this issue would be looked into and reported back to Members.

Decision

The report was noted.

19. Any Other Business – New Health Centre, Park Road

The Chair informed Members that the PCT had invited the Forum to have a tour of the new health centre development in Park Road. Members were requested to show any expression of interest in attending this tour.

Members indicating they wished to attend the tour were Councillors Alison Lilley, Geoff Lilley and David Young. Resident representatives Michael Ward and Linda Shields also expressed an interest. Further information would be forwarded direct to Members.

Decision

That the PCT be informed that the Forum Members indicated above would be interested in attending a tour of the new health centre in Park Road.

20. Any Other Business

A Member referred to a recent report which highlighted that the life expectancy of women in Hartlepool was the lowest anywhere in the country. The Chair responded that representatives from the PCT and the Acting Director of Public Health had been invited to a future meeting of the Forum to discuss this issue.

Decision

This issue would be discussed further at a future meeting.

21. Any Other Business

A Member commented that he had recently been made aware of a number of operational issues with the University Hospital of Hartlepool and requested that explanations be sought from the Foundation Trust. The Chair accepted this request and indicated that Members could contact him direct should a short response be required, or it could be raised for debate at a future meeting of the Forum should it be a broader issue.

Decision

A response from the Foundation Trust would be sought and forwarded to the Member direct.

22. Date and time of next meeting

The Chair reminded Members that the next scheduled meeting of the Forum would take place on 6 October 2009 at 3.00pm. However, Members were asked to note that an additional meeting would be held in the week commencing 28 September 2009 to enable to PCT to provide an update on the walk in centre and access to GP surgeries.

The meeting concluded at 3.50pm.

CHAIRMAN

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 September 2009



Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICES IN
HARTLEPOOL - COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members that an update presentation on the transformation of community services in Hartlepool will be delivered at today's meeting by the Deputy Director of Health Systems and Estates Development.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Continuing the development of strong working / communication links between the PCT and the Health Scrutiny Forum, a request has been received from Ali Wilson, Deputy Director of Health Systems and Estates Development, to attend today's meeting to give an update presentation on the transformation of community services in Hartlepool.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members note the content of the presentation, seeking clarification on any relevant issues from the Deputy Director of Health Systems and Estates Development, where felt appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background documentation was used in the preparation of this report.

HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM

23 September 2009



Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE - UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of issues discussed at meetings of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee held since the last meeting of the Health Scrutiny Forum on the 1 September 2009.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 A meeting of the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was held on the 14 September 2009. Issues included on the agenda for this meeting were:-

(i) Improving Sexual Health Services - Progress Update;

(ii) Out of Hours Care Service Redesign - Progress Update;

(iii) Cancer Screening Across the Tees Valley – Summary of Evidence Received to date; and

(iv) Hartlepool's 'Reaching Families in Need' Final Report – For Information.

2.2 Full copies of these reports are available from the Scrutiny office should Members wish to obtain them.

2.3 Please note that the deadline for papers for today's meeting required the circulation of this report before the meeting on the 14 September 2009. On this basis, a verbal update / summary of discussions at the meeting on the 14 September 2009 will be provided by those Tees Valley Health Joint Committee members who are present at today's meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Members:-

- (i) Note the content of the report and verbal feedback provided at the meeting; and
- (ii) Outline any possible comments in relation to the issues discussed which they would like the Chair to relay back to the Joint Committee on their behalf.

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