

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee



**Meeting on Thursday 3 November 2016 at 2pm in the
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To receive any Declarations of Interest by Members
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2016 (*to follow*)
5. NEAS – Outcome of the Care Quality Commission Inspection and Performance Update – Presentation by representatives from the North East Ambulance Service
6. North East Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard Project – Presentation by representatives from NHS North of England Commissioning Support Unit
7. Chairman's urgent items
8. Any other business
9. Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 2 March 2017 at 10am, Hartlepool Civic Centre

NORTH EAST JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

27 October 2016

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Chair: Councillor Ray Martin-Wells, Hartlepool Borough Council
Gateshead Borough Council: Councillor Weatherley
Newcastle City Council: Councillor Taylor
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Councillor Kay

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5.2 (ii), Councillor Huntley was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Brady, South Tyneside Council.

Also Present:

Mark Adams, Newcastle and Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group
Alan Foster, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
Peter Dixon and Liz Rogerson, NHS England

Officers: Angela Frisby, Gateshead Borough Council
Alison Pearson, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Peter Mennear, Stockton Borough Council
Sharon Ranade, North Tyneside Council
Paul Baldasera, South Tyneside Council
J Haworth, Durham County Council
Joan Stevens, Scrutiny Manager (HBC)
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services (HBC)

11. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Robinson (Durham County Council), Councillor Brady (South Tyneside Council), Councillor Brooks (North Tyneside Council), Councillor Dixon (Sunderland City Council) and Councillor Javed (Stockton Borough Council).

12. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest in minute 18.

13. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2016

Confirmed subject to the following amendment:

Councillor Taylor (Newcastle City Council) was in attendance, not Councillor Mendelson and Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest as an employee of the Foundation Trust not Councillor Mendelson.

14. Work Plan for the 2016/17 Municipal Year (For Information) *(Scrutiny Manager)*

A copy of the work plan for the Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year was presented to Members for their information.

Recommendation

The workplan for 2016/17 was noted.

15. North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Fast Track Transformation Plan – Written Update from the North of England Commissioning Support Unit

The Scrutiny Manager informed Members that representatives from North of England Commissioning unit had been unable to attend this meeting, however it was noted that an update will be provided at a future meeting of the Committee.

Recommendation

It was noted that an update on the North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Fast Track Transformation Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

16. North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Fast Track Transformation Plan – Appointments to the North East and Cumbria Learning Disability Transformation Board *(Scrutiny Manager)*

Nominations were sought from the Committee for a Member observer representative on the North East and Cumbria Learning Disability Transformation Board consisting of two Members covering Durham, Darlington and Teesside and two Members covering Newcastle,

Northumberland and Sunderland and Gateshead. It had proven difficult to fill all four of these positions with only two nominations received for Members who whilst were no longer Members of this Committee, but would still wish to attend the Board. It was therefore suggested that the remaining two nominations be opened up to other Members from incumbent local authorities to identify a Member who had an appropriate interest in this issue or were in an appropriate position within the authority to become observers on the Board. It was suggested that delegated authority be given to the Chair and Vice Chair to approve any nominations be received after the meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Huntley, South Tyneside Council be nominated as an observer on the North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Transformation Board.

Recommendation

- (1) That Councillor Huntley, South Tyneside Council be nominated as an observer on the North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Transformation Board.
- (2) That the nominations received for Councillor Schofield, Newcastle City Council and Councillor Bailey, Stockton Borough Council to act as observers on the North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Transformation Board be noted.
- (3) That a further Member nomination be sought from incumbent local authorities to act as an observer on the Board with delegated authority for the Chair and Vice Chair to approve any nominations received.

17. North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Fast Track Transformation Plan – Proposed Redesign of Learning Disability Services in the Northwest (For Information) *(Scrutiny Manager)*

The Scrutiny Manager highlighted a letter received from NHS England informing the Committee that, subject to consultation, Merseycare Specialist Learning Disability Division, Whalley site were looking to commission a new model for Learning Disability services moving away from institutionalised care by 2019. There were a number of patients from the north east area within this organisation and over the next 3 years, the provider and commissioners were working to ensure that a safe transfer/discharge appropriate to those patients was implemented.

It was highlighted that the full consultation document will be available on the NHS England website and will be emailed when the consultation commences.

In response to a question from a Member, the Scrutiny Manager indicated she would ascertain exactly how many north east patients were located within this organisation.

Recommendation

- (1) The proposed changes and forthcoming consultation was noted.
- (2) The Scrutiny Manager to ascertain how many north east patients were located within this organisation and feed this back to the Committee.

18. Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) – STP Lead for County Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby and STP Lead for Northumberland, Tyne and Wear

A Chief Officer from Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) provided a detailed and comprehensive presentation on the development of a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham areas. Further details were provided on the evolving health and care model which was based on health and wellbeing; care and quality; and funding and finance. An overview was provided within the presentation on the following:

- STP Delivery priorities for the three transformational areas;
- Upscaling prevention, health and wellbeing;
- Out of Hospital Collaboration – General Practice Forward View and New Care Models;
- Optimal use of the Acute Sector; and
- Transforming Mental Health.

The approach to developing the plan was detailed in the presentation and included a number of engagement activities to be undertaken.

A lengthy discussion took place during which the representative from the CCG commented that the public sector were in times of unprecedented austerity which had resulted in the NHS coming together on a much wider footprint than ever before. The aim of the STP was to make budgetary savings whilst still being able to demonstrate how services and the quality of services can continue to be improved. The representative from the CCG reiterated that the Plan would be based on the following three pillars of improvements to care and wellbeing, improvements to the provision of services and all done within an efficient cost envelope. A key element of fulfilling this aim would be to ensure the right people were placed in the right place based on the needs and requirements of patients and by improving recruitment and retention of appropriately trained staff.

In response to a question from a Member, the representative from the CCG commented that the Plan would be informed by the Vanguards already identified across the region and ensure all services knit together across the region to work in harmony. It was highlighted that a key issue to the success of the Plan was to upscale prevention and the CCG was working

closely with the Directors of Public Health across the region to design whole life prevention as people were living much longer.

The Chair raised a number of concerns including the apparent lack of scrutiny within the development process for STPs. The representative from the CCG commented that the consultation process currently being designed would provide a wide scrutiny. A representative from South Tyneside Council added that they were in the process of creating a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee to look at the service changes in Sunderland and expressed some concerns that this may result in a parallel consultation exercise being undertaken. The representative from the CCG indicated that he would liaise with South Tyneside Council to ensure the consultation was co-ordinated to avoid any duplication.

A member of the public addressed the Committee and reiterated concerns at the lack of scrutiny in the decision making process. The representative reassured Members that attending Overview and Scrutiny Committees such as this one would facilitate Members' scrutiny of the decision making process. During the discussions the representative from the CCG indicated that this was a draft Plan and that detailed consultation would be undertaken in the near future to ascertain people's views and whether the Plan needs to be changed.

The Chair reassured the Committee and members of the public that the North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was a statutory body with the power to scrutinise changes to the provision of health services within the region and the Committee will be examining in detail the recommendations from both STPs within the region.

A further presentation was provided from the Chief Executive of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust who commented that the NHS was at a tipping point and needed to explore ways to sustain health and care services as demand rises. It was noted that there were six hospitals across the Tees area and that the services provided across these six hospitals needed to be reorganised to ensure the most effective and efficient use of facilities and the workforce.

The presentation showed a revised footprint for the STP which included the following CCGs:

- North Durham;
- Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield;
- Durham;
- Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees; and
- South Tees.

A number of possible scenarios were highlighted for the future use of the six hospitals across the footprint and included the identification of specialist hospitals; local hospitals; a major trauma centre; and district general hospitals. The key principle actions for the Plan were prevention; being

responsive and accessible, proactive and co-ordinated. The model of care for this STP was based on patient self care/prevention with the potential outcomes for patients and more efficient services were outlined in the presentation.

The timetable for the progression of the draft plan was included within the presentation which culminated in the consultation on service changes commencing in June 2017. A number of public engagement events were to take place during October 2016 and details were presented to the Committee.

A discussion ensued on the scenarios highlighted for the future use of the six hospitals across the area and the representative from the Trust confirmed that James Cook University Hospital would continue to be the major trauma centre for the area although the detail was still being worked up to ensure the best possible access to the most appropriate services for the greatest number of the population across the area. It was noted that in addition to the six hospitals, there were numerous community pharmacists, Out of Hours services and walk-in centres across the region and work was ongoing to raise awareness and increase the effective use of this provision.

It was highlighted that workforce recruitment and retention was an issue across the whole area and the Trust had looked abroad for the recruitment of nursing staff. The importance of ensuring the north east was an attractive place to work whilst ensuring the workforce had an appropriate work/life balance was reiterated.

A member of the public who represented the NEED group (North East Empowerment and Diversity) highlighted the recently published report Hartlepool Matters produced by Professor Thomé which looked at a Local Health and Social Care Plan for Hartlepool which referred to public involvement and scrutiny of health care services. The representative from the Trust confirmed that engagement with the public will take place across the whole area and people were encouraged to attend the engagement events. It was noted that details of the consultation process would be forwarded to the Committee once this was available.

Recommendation

The update and future development of the Sustainable Transformation Plan was noted.

19. Specialised Commissioning Update including Congenital Heart Disease, neonatal intensive care, paediatric high dependency care (winter pressure) and vascular surgery – NHS England North

Representatives from NHS England provided a detailed and comprehensive presentation on the North East Specialised Commissioning Hub for the

following service provision:

- Congenital Heart Disease (CHD);
Consultation was being undertaken on the recommendations with Newcastle to proceed with implementing the improvement Plan. The national team were expected to visit Newcastle in November.
- Neonatal;
A transport consultant had been appointed with two trainee Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioners commencing a course of study at Sheffield with another starting in November. The changes to this service will be phased in over the next 12-24 months.
- Paediatric Intensive Care (PICU) – Winter Pressures; and
There continued to be a regional and ultimately national “surge” plan to ensure actions were co-ordinated and that beds were available. Whilst funding had previously been non-recurrent, it could now be invested recurrently circa £580k.
- Vascular Surgery.
NHS England had received the independent reviewer’s recommendations although have not yet made a decision and was looking to outsource both pre-consultation and public consultation. Getting It Right for the First Time (GIRFT) visited the Vascular Clinical Advisory Group on 4 October and a national report would be available early 2017.

Recommendation

The update provided by NHS England was noted.

20. Chairman’s Urgent Items

None.

21. Any Other Business

None.

22. Date and Time of Next Meetings

The next meeting was Thursday 3 November 2016 at 2.00pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

Meeting concluded at 12.05 pm

CHAIR