

Report from the Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trust meeting on Tuesday, 13th February.2007.

Two issues arising from the minutes from questions from Margaret Aston were followed up from the last meeting; they were a report on the progress of the Eating Disorder Report, which I gave. ;I informed the Committee that the report had now been completed and presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Health and then would go to Cabinet. Following this the report would go to other interested parties.

The second issue I raised was on the provision of Dental Services in Aylesbury Vale. I had received some comments that it was difficult to find a NHS dentist. The comments were that there was adequate provision. The Public were asked for questions and I queried the omission of the agreement from the PCT to do an assessment of problems following the move of the Elmhurst Surgery. This was accepted and they agreed that this had been omitted and would be in the next minutes. I also asked about the concerns over the lack of planning permission and what was happening. This I was told was the responsibility of the Elmhurst Doctors.

Another question asked was on the funding for neurological services .We were told that these services received 2.5% of the total sum allocated to the Mental Health Trust.

Another question was on the Chesham Health Zone. The response was that they were having to make sure that any decision made fitted in with the Strategic Plan.

The financial report was presented and the latest overspend is £18.125m. With the plans proposed optimism was expressed that this would be reduced to £15.2m by the end of the financial year.

All the Charitable Funds from all the PCT.s would now be amalgamated into one fund. These total £620.000. The Thame cottage hospital has the largest fund with £250.000 and the rest is divided among other small hospitals. Approval was asked for for Project Abode. This was to agree to place the 8 homes that provide care from people with learning disabilities, which are presently owned by and run by Oxon and Bucks Mental Health Trust should be sold to a Housing Association and the services provided by a private provider. It is understood that these homes are in need of considerable improvement.

A discussion took place over the provision of Trust Headquarters. It was agreed to take a new lease on Rapid House in High Wycombe and use Verney House in Aylesbury. The latter has an existing lease to run till 2013.

Margaret Aston