



**Buckinghamshire County Council**  
**Select Committee**  
Health and Adult Social Care

# Minutes

## HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 10 0000 2015, in Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury, commencing at 10.00 am and concluding at 11.50 am.

This meeting was webcast. To review the detailed discussions that took place, please see the webcast which can be found at <http://www.buckscc.public-i.tv/>  
The webcasts are retained on this website for 6 months. Recordings of any previous meetings beyond this can be requested (contact: [admin@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@buckscc.gov.uk))

### MEMBERS PRESENT

#### Buckinghamshire County Council

Ms A Macpherson (In the Chair)

Mr R Reed, Mr B Adams, Mrs M Aston, Mr B Roberts, Mrs A Davies, Ms J Teesdale, Mr D Carroll, Mr A Huxley, Mr N Brown and Ms J Blake

#### District Councils

Mrs Freda Roberts  
Dr W Matthews  
Mr A Green

Aylesbury Vale District Council  
South Bucks District Council  
Wycombe District Council

#### Others in Attendance

Mrs P Birchley, Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing  
Mr J Povey, Overview and Scrutiny Policy Officer  
Ms K McDonald, Health and Wellbeing Lead Officer  
Ms L Patten, Chief Officer, Aylesbury Vale Clinical Commissioning Group

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Apologies received from Ms S Adoh (Buckinghamshire Healthwatch) and Mr N Shepherd (Chiltern District Council).

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3 MINUTES



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District Council



The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **Matters arising**

**Item 5 – Chairman’s report** – Papers and a link to the webcast of the 9 December Education and Skills Select Committee was circulated to committee members to make them aware of transfer of children’s health commissioning to the County Council’s Public Health Team.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 December 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

Members were advised that there is guidance on how to submit public questions on the Council’s website: [www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/scrutiny/guidance/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/scrutiny/guidance/)

## **5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Information was circulated from the local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the Council’s Public Health Team on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Newly published national data on FGM showed no new cases in Buckinghamshire. The Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) is discussing a paper at their March meeting.

**Action : The committee agreed to consider further work on FGM once information is received from the March BSCB meeting**

The Chairman attended a Thames Valley Health Scrutiny Chairman network event on 26th January in Wokingham and there is a plan to host a further event in Aylesbury in July.

Key points from the Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee budget scrutiny were highlighted.

NHS England (Thames Valley) area team is reviewing the options for a new provider to take over the running of the Cressex Health Centre, High Wycombe and concern was raised about information sharing with local Members and the public.

**Action: It was agreed that the Chairman would raise the issue of information sharing with the NHS England Thames Valley Area Team**

A member of the committee’s Better Care Fund (BCF) sub-group requested that another update meeting is arranged with the BCF lead officer.

**Action: Mr J Povey to arrange a meeting of the HASC sub-group with the BCF lead officer**

Disappointment was expressed about the lack of updates on Wexham Park & Heatherwood Hospitals from the County Council’s representative on the Frimley Health board of governors.

## **6 COMMITTEE UPDATE**

No updates

## **7 PRIMARY CARE STRATEGY**

Item deferred to the March committee meeting.

## 8 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Committee was informed that that Council Leader Martin Tett would be chairing the Board meetings in future.

The Committee received and debated a presentation from Katie Macdonald. SEE PAPERS/WEBCAST FOR CONTENT. Members sought clarification over issues including implications of being a two tier authority area, Board transparency, governance, size and membership of the Board, Board accountability, contribution of Healthwatch, Board impact on residents, joint strategic needs assessment consultation, adopting Board best practice from other areas, what the Board is doing well, Board relationship to Safeguarding Boards, delivery of Board aims in local areas, location of meetings, and the Better Care Fund..

**Action: Ms K Macdonald agreed to add District Councils to the Governance slide and provide an update on governance once this is agreed by the Board**

**Action: Ms K Macdonald agreed to consider the suggestion to hold Board meetings at various sites countywide and provide a timetable for this**

**Action: Ms K Macdonald will provide the HASC with the HWB Annual Report when available and information on the Board's public engagement and communication plans**

## 9 HASC GP INQUIRY RECOMMENDATION RESPONSES

Mr R Reed (Chairman of the GP Inquiry), led a discussion of responses. Disappointment was expressed in the lack of response from the NHS England National Team and responses to recommendations 2 and 4 were felt to be insufficient.

**Action: Mr J Povey will follow up to secure action dates for delivery, obtain fuller responses to recommendations 2 and 4, and share CCG responses in relation to recommendation 3**

The Committee discussed use of developer contributions, premises improvements and long-term planning, the role of technology in providing health services, GP numbers and the role of pharmacies, non-attendance at GP appointments, and whether CCGs should be the main contact for planning matters rather than the NHS England Area Team.

**Action: Mr R Reed will speak with CCGs on the process for NHS engagement in planning matters**

## 10 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME AND INQUIRY PROPOSALS

The future work programme for the HASC was considered and an Inquiry into Adults with Learning Disabilities was agreed, with membership of the inquiry group to include Mr B Adams, Mrs M Aston, Mr N Brown, Mrs A Davies, Ms A Macpherson, Mr R Reed and Mrs F Roberts.

**Decision: The Committee agreed to proceed with an Inquiry into Adults with Learning Disabilities, in advance of a further possible Inquiry into services for Adult Mental Health later in the year**

**Action: Mr J Povey to develop scopes for both future inquiries for committee approval.**

The Chairman had received a response from the CCGs regarding committee concerns at ambulance response times (response to be added to meeting papers online).

**Action: Committee Members to comment on the CCG response to Mr J Povey**

An issue with limited appointments in High Wycombe for the blood donation service was

raised.

**Action: The Chairman agreed to investigate further and report back to the HASC**

## **11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10am in Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall.

**CHAIRMAN**