



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 May 2016, in Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury, commencing at 10.05 am and concluding at 12.28 pm.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Buckinghamshire County Council

Ms A Macpherson (In the Chair)

Mr R Reed, Mr B Adams, Mr C Adams, Mrs M Aston, Mrs P Birchley, Mr N Brown and Julia Wassell

District Councils

Mr A Green
Ms S Jenkins
Mr N Shepherd
Dr W Matthews

Wycombe District Council
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Chiltern District Council
South Bucks District Council

Members in Attendance

Mr M Appleyard

Others in Attendance

Dr A Gamell, Chief Clinical Officer, Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group
Ms R Rothero, Service Director (Commissioning and Service Improvement)
Mr G Finch, Contracts Manager
Ms A Donkin, Programme Director
Mr F Sarhan, Senior Lecturer, Bucks New University

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Apologies were received from Mr B Roberts, Mrs J Blake and Ms S Adoh.



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2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs M Aston declared an interest in item 5 as she was involved in the pharmacy at the care home to which she was a Trustee.

Mr N Shepherd declared an interest in item 5 as his wife used to be the Chief Officer of the Pharmacy Committee.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March and 18th April 2015 were agreed as correct records.

Follow-up on actions from meeting held on 22 March

- **Item 4** – A letter had been sent to the Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to the closure of Lynton House surgery and a response had been received from Dr Annet Gamell.
- **Item 5** – The Chairman read out the following response from Lee Jones, Assistant Director of Communications, in relation to Wycombe Hospital estates:

“As previously indicated, our estates plans will be determined by the development of our clinical services. Since our last update to the HASC we have launched a major piece of public engagement on developing community hubs and are working with partners on the county’s five year sustainability and transformation plan. Both of these pieces of work, which won’t start to report until late June/July, will support the development of our clinical pathways and will heavily inform our estates plans.”

- **Item 5** – Awaiting a response from Harlow House.
- **Item 5** – Awaiting a response from NHS England regarding dentistry provision.
- **Item 6** – Letter had been sent and a response received from Councillor Neil Blake, Leader of Aylesbury Vale District Council on affordable housing for healthcare workers.
- **Item 7** – Letter had been sent to Councillor Mike Appleyard and Mr T Boyd and they had been invited to attend the June meeting.
- **Item 7** – Members had received an invitation to the launch of the Social Work Academy on 16 June from 10am-12noon at Bucks New University.
- **Item 8** – Mr S Goldensmith would be preparing a report for the September meeting on travel time.
- **Item 9** – The Chairman had met with the Ambulance Trust and a briefing would be presented at the June meeting.
- **Item 9** – The following response had been received from Lee Jones, Assistant Director of Communications in relation to consultant/specialist waiting times:

“Our staffing and capacity for our specialities is based on us meeting our NHS constitutional standards (including referral to treatment waiting times – 18 weeks). Overall the Trust is meeting its 18 week commitment, but there are some individual surgical specialities where we are not.”

The Chairman asked Cllr N Shepherd to write directly to the Trust with his specific concerns.

ACTION: District Councillor Nigel Shepherd to write to Buckinghamshire Health Care Trust directly regarding specialist staffing levels.

- **Item 9** – A senior officer from Bucks Fire and Rescue Service had been invited to attend the June meeting.

The Chairman expressed disappointment in relation to the Lynton House surgery consultation process as the Committee felt it was not inclusive enough and the issue for residents where English was an Additional Language (EAL) was not addressed. Dr Gamell explained that the final decision was currently with NHS England and she agreed to check the timelines for when the decision would be made.

ACTION: The Chief Executive of Chiltern CCG to provide HASC with a decision timetable regarding Lynton House Surgery.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions received in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Julia Wassell commented on behalf of a resident who had expressed concern about the Minor Injuries and Illness Unit at Wycombe Hospital where the X-ray machine regularly breaks down.

The Chairman asked that members of the public would like to submit their questions in advance of the Committee meeting then an appropriate response could be prepared.

Members were asked to let the Chairman know their views on moving the Committee meeting around the County by 31st May 2016..

ACTIONS:

- **Committee and Governance Advisor to write to Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust to raise public concerns with X-ray machine at Wycombe Hospital**
- **Chairman to write to Committee Members to seek views on holding HASC meetings at venues across the County.**

5 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Chairman updated Members on the following:

- Vascular services – briefing circulated to Members. Mr Geoff Payne would be invited to a future meeting to discuss the issue in more detail if Members had further questions arising from the briefing note.
- The Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes healthcare review would be coming to the 21st June HASC meeting.

The Chairman welcomed representatives from the Pharmacy Committee to discuss the issue of the proposed 6% cuts to pharmacies which was currently under consultation. This had come to the attention of HASC member Cllr Margaret Aston who had requested a local investigation into the issue.

Areas raised during the discussion were as follows:

- The Dept. of Health announced 6% cuts in December 2015, which if implemented would start from October 2016. An extended consultation regarding the proposals is due to close on 24th May 2016.
- Particular impacts on Buckinghamshire include:
 - Closures to small pharmacies in rural areas as their businesses become unviable.
 - Increased burden on GPs, Urgent Care Centres and Accident and Emergency Depts from patients who come to pharmacists for advice for minor ailments
 - Risk to vulnerable residents who never see a GP but visit pharmacists

- An increase in wastage of medicines with cost implications
- Delivery of medicines in the post compromising patients understanding of how to take their medicines.
- Possible pharmacy closures based on national figures could be up to 25% which would translate locally into 20 pharmacies closing in Buckinghamshire.

Questions and comments were as follows:

- The extent of national lobbying - Over 1 million signatures will be presented to the Dept of Health expressing concern over the cut.
- The short-sighted nature of the cut which risks increasing the burden on higher cost healthcare
- Concerns regarding on-line services, leading to increasing wastage of medicines and risks of patients not taking medicines appropriately.

Actions:

- The Chairman to send a letter to the Department of Health expressing concerns about the proposed cuts.
- A press statement to be issued outlining the proposed cuts and the Committee's concerns. **Committee and Governance Advisor to action**
- Set-up a small working group of Members to meet with pharmacists after the meeting. **Committee and Governance Advisor to action**

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6 COMMITTEE UPDATE

No updates were reported at the meeting.

7 SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLANS

The Chairman welcomed Dr Annet Gamell, Chief Clinical Officer, Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group and Ms Ann Donkin, Programme Director, Communities Health and Adult Social Care Directorate.

During the presentation and discussion, the following main points were made.

- 44 Sustainability and Transformation Plans had been defined across England largely based on patient flows into tertiary acute centres.
- STPs must address strategic issues that transcend more than one local system.
- Each footprint had a named 'system leader' to drive development of plans. David Smith, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, was named as the system leader.
- Buckinghamshire was part of a Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West 'footprint'.
- STPs would be the single application & approval process for 'growth' funding for 2017/18 onwards.
- The focus for Buckinghamshire would be on reducing spend on bed-based care into prevention and care at home.
- Next steps would be around refining the planning assumptions, setting parameters for modelling different service changes in the local system, considering options for delivering Vanguard models relevant to Buckinghamshire and agreeing the communications and engagement plan.

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8 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members noted the work programme.

9 THE CARE MARKET

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mike Appleyard, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, Ms Rachael Rothero, Director for Joint Commissioning, Mr Graeme Finch, Contracts Manager and Mr Firas Sarhan, Director, Centre of Excellence of Telehealth and Assisted Living (CETAL) at Bucks New University. Members were referred to the report entitled 'The Care and Support Market Place'.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Firas Sirhan who provided Members with an update on assistive technology. He stressed that there was evidence that more patients have long-term conditions which highlights the need for more technology to assist them.

During their presentation, the following main points were made.

- The NHS and Community Care Act 1990 recommended the development of a range of private and not for profit providers to deliver social care services. This had previously been delivered by Local Authorities directly.
- Local Authorities have moved from being direct providers of care to increasingly purchasers only of care.
- Due to means testing, some individuals would be required to pay the full cost of their services and many people in these circumstances purchase directly from the market place rather than the Local Authority.
- The County Council currently spent 89% of its current budget on providers in the market place, with the remainder spent on assessments, the social work function and the occupational therapy function.
- 59% of the overall social care budget was spent on placements in residential care.
- The Council does not provide any directly provided services apart from assessment, care management and occupational therapy. Bucks Care was the last remaining in-house service provision. MTP savings are linked to the supply chain.
- The County Council, in partnership with the County Council Network (CCN), commissioned a study across a consortium of 12 Councils to undertake a detailed evaluation of the care home market place and to understand the market implications of what was then phase two of the Care Act.
- There are challenges around how to stimulate demand and the Council had worked with an organisation called Housing LIN looking at what the needs are by way of older people housing over the next 25-30 years. The Council is working with the District Councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups on this project. District Council representatives to be invited to future workshops.
- The service area was remodelling what the Council already had in terms of the block contracts to ensure what was on offer was fit for purpose.
- Buckinghamshire was seen as an attractive place for developers of care homes but the care home sector was targeting self-funders which was pushing up Local Authority rates.
- Mr Firas Sirhan circulated an information pack for Members and said that he would be happy to arrange visits to the Living Lab to demonstrate the technology and equipment

ACTIONS:

CHASC Business Unit to circulate to District Councillors the dates of future housing workshops involving Public Health and District Housing Teams

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10 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded for the following item which is exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

11 THE CARE MARKET

The Chairman referred Members to the confidential appendix which was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st June at 10am in Mezz Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury.

CHAIRMAN