



Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee Agenda

Date: Thursday 20 July 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF

Membership:

J MacBean (Chairman), S Adoh, P Gomm, T Green, C Heap, C Jones, H Mordue, S Morgan, C Poll, G Sandy, R Stuchbury, A Turner, N Thomas, M Walsh, J Wassell and Z McIntosh (Healthwatch Bucks)

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1 Apologies for Absence/Changes in Membership	10:00	
2 Appointment of Vice-Chairman		
3 Declarations of Interest		
4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting		7 - 16

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 11 May 2023 and 17 May 2023.

5 Public Questions

Public Questions is an opportunity for people who live, work or study in Buckinghamshire to put a question to a Select Committee. The Committee will hear from members of the public who have submitted questions in advance relating to items on the agenda. The Cabinet Member, relevant key partners and responsible officers will be invited to respond.

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6 Chairman's update

10:10

17 - 100

The Chairman will update Members on recent scrutiny related activities since the last meeting.

Maternity services

Representatives from Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust (BHT) attended the meeting on 11th May to present their proposal for improving maternity services in Buckinghamshire, including the permanent closure of the Wycombe Birthing Unit (births had been suspended since June 2020 due to the Covid pandemic and a shortage of midwives). Following the meeting, a letter was sent to BHT requesting further information and a response has been received.

Members were asked to consider the response and the Chairman circulated the following summary.

The HASC discussion centred around the issue of whether the proposed changes represent 'substantive change' to the service and whether BHT have consulted adequately with users in order to identify how this service should be changed and operated in the future.

Key points:-

- Recruitment and retention of staff remains one of, if not the key challenge faced by health providers across all disciplines and this naturally affects how

services can be provided safely and efficiently in the future.

- It is clear that BHT have a well-staffed and experienced surgical team at Stoke Mandeville, but they are struggling to staff even a midwife led birthing team at Wycombe.
- The proposed changes are designed to ensure that hospital births are managed at Stoke Mandeville where an experienced surgical team is on site to assist in the event they are required, thereby removing birth options from the Wycombe site and eradicating the current need to transfer any patients in difficulty from Wycombe to Stoke in the event they experience complications.
- Any transfers currently needed are undertaken by SCAS, another service currently reassessing how it meets demand more efficiently in a difficult landscape.
- Health services have undergone dramatic change due to the events and pressures of the last few years and there is clear need to 'work smarter' in the future at local as well as national level. Undertakings that were outlined a number of years ago may no longer be deliverable.
- The Select Committee's overarching responsibility is to assess whether any proposed changes will bring harm or bring about better outcomes for patients and users. By managing all births at Stoke Mandeville, potential delays and additional trauma in the event of complications arising will be reduced.
- Events of the last few years have made it incredibly difficult to consult with users on 'business as usual' because business has been delivered in a far from usual manner.

Papers:

HASC Select Committee letter following May meeting
BHT response with two appendices

Dementia Rapid Review

The report was presented to Cabinet on 11th July who responded to the recommendations made in the report.

Papers:

Final Dementia review report

Cabinet response table

7	Improving Hospital discharge and Intermediate Care in Buckinghamshire There is an ambition to move to a more integrated and efficient model for hospital discharge and intermediate care in Buckinghamshire to improve patient outcomes and experience. This item provides Committee Members with an opportunity to review the new model and examine the improvements being delivered. Presenters: Jo Baschnonga, Programme Director Health & Care Integration Jenny Ricketts, Director of Community Transformation, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Papers: Presentation attached	10:20	101 - 120
8	Healthwatch Bucks update Ms Z McIntosh, Chief Executive, will update Members on recent projects undertaken by Healthwatch Bucks. Papers: Update attached	11:20	121 - 122
9	Future primary healthcare planning - draft scoping document The Committee will discuss and agree the scoping document for the proposed rapid review into Future Healthcare Provision in Buckinghamshire. This is a joint review with the Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee. The review group will include members from both Committees. Papers: Draft scoping document attached	11:25	123 - 128
10	Work programme For Committee Members to discuss and agree the items for future meetings.	11:35	129 - 132

Papers:

Draft work programme

11 Date of Next Meeting

11:45

The next meeting is due to take place on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 10am.

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