

MINUTES OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING - 11TH OCTOBER 2012

Present:

Councillor Matthews (in the Chair)

Councillors

Boughton	Hardy	Jones	O'Hara
Doherty	Mrs Henderson MBE	H Mitchell	Stansfield

In attendance:

Dr A. Doyle, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group
Mr R. Fisher, NHS Blackpool
Ms N Rogers, Blackpool Local Involvement Network
Ms K. Holland, Ms A McKeane and Ms S. Anderson, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS
Foundation Trust
Mr A. Rose, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

Mr S Sienkiewicz, Scrutiny Manager, Blackpool Council.
Mr C Kelly, Senior Democratic Services Adviser (Scrutiny), Blackpool Council.

Also Present:

Councillor K. Rowson, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor I. Taylor, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2012

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2012, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no applications for public speaking at the meeting.

4. BLACKPOOL CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG)

Dr Amanda Doyle, Chief Clinical Officer, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was in attendance to provide the Committee with an update report on the Fylde Coast Health Services Consultation and the authorisation process for the Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

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The Committee was informed that the National Commissioning Advisory Team (NCAT) had visited to test the robustness of the clinical case for change and the business case behind the changes outlined within the consultation proposals. The feedback from the testing had been positive and the consultation proposals found to be clinically sound. The National Commissioning Advisory Team had also highlighted how the benefits of the proposed changes had been understated in the consultation proposals and had suggested that these be emphasised.

Dr Doyle informed the Committee that the National Commissioning Advisory Team's report was due to be considered by the executive team of the NHS North of England on 15th October. Once final approval had been obtained there would then be an opportunity for public consultation and Dr Doyle reported that the Committee would be invited to consider the approved document at its next meeting.

It was reported to the Committee that the Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group was awaiting the formal report from the National Commissioning Board authorisation panel. It was also reported that the Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group was in advanced discussions with the Lancashire Commissioning Support Service to secure commissioning support from 1st April 2013.

The staffing structure of the Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group was reported to the Committee. It was reported that they had been able to fill all roles with existing staff, with the exception of a Chief Finance Officer, for which the vacant role was currently being advertised. The Committee noted the staffing structure which had been distributed amongst Members by the Scrutiny Manager. The Committee also discussed the role of the Deputy Director of Partnerships, which it considered was vital as a link between the health service and the community. The Committee was assured that the role was not underestimated and it would be enhanced and employed by the Commissioning Support Service.

The Committee was also made aware that the Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group had been shortlisted for the Health Service Journal Commissioning Organisation of the year award.

The Committee agreed to note the report and requested that the National Commissioning Advisory Team's approved report be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

Background papers: None

5. BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Ms K. Holland, Head of Performance, Planning and Contracting at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, provided the Committee with an update on recent progress and developments at the Trust.

The Committee was informed of staffing changes at the Trust. It was noted that the current Chief Executive of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals was leaving and that the current Deputy Chief Executive would be the Acting Chief Executive from 5th November until a replacement was appointed. The Committee was also informed that the Director

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of Human Resources and Organisational Development had also announced that he was to leave the Trust. It was reported that the Trust would be looking to recruit a replacement for this position as soon as possible.

Ms Holland reported the outcome of an unannounced visit to the Trust by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) on 1st August 2012, which undertook a dignity and nutrition for older people review to assess the Trust's compliance with the essential standards of quality and safety.

Members were informed that the report was mostly positive but had highlighted minor concerns regarding recordkeeping and nutrition and found that the Trust was non-compliant against those standards.

Ms Holland provided the Committee with an update on the 'Telestroke' service which enabled eight hospitals across the Cardiac and Stroke Network in Lancashire and Cumbria, to provide 'out of hours' clinical advice from the homes of consultants using high speed broadband technology. Members noted that the service had just celebrated a successful first year in which 319 Telestroke assessments had been made and 131 patients thrombolysed.

It was also reported to the Committee that the formal annual Patient Environment Action Team (PEAT) audits had been conducted and the Trust had received an 'excellent' grading in every category, across the Trust's four hospital sites. The categories included cleanliness, condition/appearance of the wards, departments and buildings, access wayfinding, security, waste management, privacy and dignity, prevention of infection and food.

Ms A. McKeane, Assistant Director of Nursing for Scheduled Care Division, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Ms S. Anderton, Assistant Director of Unscheduled Care Division, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provided the Committee with a presentation on Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's Dementia Strategy.

The Committee was presented with details of the primary and secondary drivers for achieving the strategy's goal of significantly improving the care for patients with dementia in hospital and in the community. The Committee was informed of the progress to date which had been made in implementing the strategy, including the training of 500 staff at all levels, the identification of 'champions' across the Trust who would undertake a six month intense training module, and the implementation of a covert medication policy.

The Committee was also informed of the 'Butterfly scheme' which aimed to ensure that all healthcare professionals treating or caring for patients with memory problems were aware of the condition of those patients and how those patients should be best approached and interacted with. As part of the scheme, patients with memory problems would be able to be identified in hospital through having a blue butterfly above their bed.

The Committee discussed the importance of the strategy not being isolated to acute care but also incorporating community-based care. Ms S. Anderson confirmed that the community aspect would be a key part of the strategy.

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The Committee agreed to note the report and presentation.

Background papers: None.

6. LANCASHIRE CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST - THE HARBOUR

Mr A. Rose, Project Director, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust provided the Committee with an update presentation on progress in relation to the plans and construction of the new in-patient mental health facility, the Harbour.

Mr Rose reported that the facility would be one of four developments in Lancashire and accommodate 154 beds. It was reported that the Trust was having to carefully review the planned design and the cost of construction. It was anticipated that some of the re-design work would be undertaken over the next few months to enable the delivery of a building that would be sustainable, affordable and value for money.

The Committee was assured that the re-design work would not impact upon clinical delivery and would aim to offer a reduction in building costs without compromising on the benefits that the facility would bring. It was hoped that work would start in spring 2013.

The Committee expressed its frustration and concern regarding the delay in the project being completed. It was noted that the Committee had previously been advised that construction would start in spring 2012. Further concerns were raised regarding the standards of facilities and the number of beds available under the current arrangements, an issue which was exacerbated by there being an above average prevalence of mental health issues amongst the population of Blackpool.

Mr Rose noted that there had been recent capital investment by the Trust in the existing Parkwood facility, although it was considered that it would still not provide the same level of care as the new facility would allow for. He also noted that there had been a reduction in the number of beds nationally, in response to a decreased demand. Mr Rose agreed to inform the Trust Board of the Committee's frustration and concerns with the delaying of the project.

The Committee agreed to note the report and requested that an update report be provided to the Committee at its meeting of 28th February 2013.

Background papers: None.

7. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee considered its Workplan for the 2012-2013 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed to note the Workplan.

Background papers: None.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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The Committee agreed to note the date of the next meeting as Thursday 22nd November 2012, at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7:20 pm)

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