

## **MINUTES OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING – 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

### **Present:**

Councillor O'Hara (appointed by the Committee as temporary Chairman for this meeting only)

### Councillors

Doherty    Hunter    Owen    Stansfield

Hutton    H Mitchell    Smith

### **In attendance:**

Mr R Fisher, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mrs P Oliver and Mrs M Thompson, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Mrs M Thompson Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Mrs D Curtis, Director of Adult Services, Blackpool Council.

Mr S Sienkiewicz, Scrutiny Manager, Blackpool Council.

Councillor K Rowson, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

### **Also Present:**

Mrs C Mackenzie-Townsend, Healthwatch Co-optee.

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Owen declared a personal interest in all agenda items, the nature of the interest being that he was Chairman of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 38 Degrees Support Group and a member of the National Health Action Party.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **3. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The Committee noted that there were no applications to speak by members of the public on this occasion.

### **4. BETTER CARE FUND**

The Committee received an update report on progress relating to the Better Care Fund that was presented by Mrs D Curtis, Director of Adult Services.

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Members were reminded that Better Care Fund was intended to act as the catalyst to integrate and improve health and social care services, gain best value for money and pool resources between Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group and Blackpool Council Adult Services.

Mrs Curtis reported that the draft template, based around a set of conditions, was submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014. It has been focussed on a locality based model of co-located health and social care services clustered around groups of GP Practices providing out of hospital care. The model was to be supported by a proposed infrastructure of formal and informal networks within communities and the voluntary sector, with an underpinning principle of moving from a system that creates dependency and direct provision to better supported self management and care. A final draft of the local plan was due to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

The Committee was informed of the governance arrangements for the Fund, with the Strategic Commissioning Group (a sub group of the Health and Wellbeing Board) having established a Programme Board to oversee a number of the workstreams. The expected outcomes and benefits as a result of the Fund would be measured and the performance monitored by those bodies.

In terms of strategic direction, Members were informed that a number of documents had been relied upon to develop the draft plan / model, including the Unscheduled Care Strategy, The Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and Performance Framework, Joint Commissioning Strategy (Adult Social Care, Health and Housing) and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

The Committee agreed to note the update report and requested a further update be provided at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Background papers: None.

### **5. BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST UPDATE**

Mrs P Oliver, Director of Operations, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, updated the Committee in relation to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection that had been undertaken in January 2014.

Members were reminded that the inspection followed the Keogh review and the findings from both inspections would be formulated into a single action plan. The interim report from the inspection was received by the Trust on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014. This would form the basis for the feedback that the Trust would receive from the CQC at a Quality Summit that was being held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The Committee would receive an update from the Summit as soon as the report was available.

The Committee went on to receive a presentation that outlined the process and timeline for submission of the Trust's Quality Account for 2013/14. Mrs M Thompson, Director of Nursing and Quality at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, explained that the first draft of the Account was currently being worked on and that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be invited to provide comments on the second draft of the report in May 2014.

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Members were informed of the format of the Quality Account, the external assurance requirements and the quality improvement priorities of clinical effectiveness, patient safety and patient experience.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Mrs Oliver reported that in relation to the general financial position of the Trust, it was required to make an overall saving of £50 million over the next 3 years, including £20 million this year. The Committee was assured that all reduction schemes had to be achieved through no loss of quality. Issues around primary and social care were however leading to too many hospital admissions.

The Committee asked a number of questions in relation to patient experience. Mrs Oliver and Mrs Thompson explained that the patient experience survey response rate of 45% was in line with the national rate. These included the Friends and Family and discharge surveys. The main issues raised were around getting the discharge right and patient information.

Mrs Oliver went on to respond to questions in relation to staff retention, which was currently around 10% each month. It was explained that nurses early in their career tended to move, possibly to be closer to home or to seek different opportunities. It was acknowledged that staff retention was an issue and the Trust was looking to recruit staff from both Europe and beyond.

The Committee agreed to note the update report and requested a more detailed report on staff retention at a future meeting.

Background papers: None.

### **6. BLACKPOOL CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE**

Mr R Fisher, Chairman of Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group, provided the Committee with an update on the Altogether Now initiative, working in partnership with Blackpool Football Club, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Blackpool Council. The update covered the following themes:

- The Fit to Go Initiative. This was being delivered in primary schools with the aim of increasing physical activity. It had so far reached 10,000 children in 3 years, together with the additional involvement of 800 family members. High profile ambassadors were being used to help deliver the programme and was considered to be very successful.
- The Hypertension campaign. This was designed to encourage people to have their blood pressure checked. An additional 15,000 tests had been carried out across the borough and 2679 people had received treatment as a result. It was estimated that 70 cardiovascular diseases had been prevented.
- Working closely with the Community Trust on social action programmes. This was designed to help young people with disabilities and encourage involvement in sports activities such as disabled football.
- Working with Age UK on dementia.
- Working with teenagers on the Turning the Tide initiative, aiming to improve health inequalities.
- Mental health awareness.

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- Delivering services for the vulnerable and hard to reach.
- Healthchecks offered on fans queuing for tickets at the football club, with specific age groups targeted via the ticketing system.

Mr Fisher responded to a number of questions from the Committee. He confirmed that to date, no services that were provided by Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group had been, or were intended to be put out to tender. It was however noted that Section 75 of the Health and Social Care Act allowed for that to happen.

The Committee raised the issue of the apparent lack of universal vaccination awareness amongst the growing ethnic mix in Blackpool. Members discussed how awareness could be raised to prevent the risk of diseases breaking out.

The Committee agreed to note the report and requested that more detailed information be provided at a future meeting by public health officers on the subject of vaccination awareness amongst ethnic communities in Blackpool.

Background papers: None.

### **7. BLACKPOOL HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

The Committee considered the minutes from the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

The Committee agreed that the content of the minutes be noted.

Background papers: None.

### **8. JOINT LANCASHIRE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Mr S Sienkiewicz, Scrutiny Manager, reported that following the recent resignation of Councillor Boughton, there was now a vacancy for a member from Blackpool Council's Health Scrutiny Committee on the joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor O'Hara, to replace Councillor Boughton on the joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee.

Background papers: None.

### **9. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

The Committee considered its Workplan for the remainder of the 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed to note the Workplan and to request an update report on progress on construction of The Harbour at the meeting in either May or June.

Background papers: None.

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**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee noted the date of the next meeting as Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

**Chairman**

(The meeting ended at 7.20 pm)

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