

MINUTES OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING – 12th JUNE 2014

Present:

Councillor M Mitchell (Chairman)

Councillors

D Coleman Hunter Elmes Stansfield

In attendance:

Mr R Fisher and Dr M Johnson, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mrs P Oliver, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Mr S Winterson and Ms B Pickover, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

Mr S Sienkiewicz, Scrutiny Manager, Blackpool Council.

Councillor E Collett, Cabinet Member for Public Health.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Mitchell declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The nature of the interest being that he was a Governor of that Trust.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 2014

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 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. THE HARBOUR

The Committee received a presentation on progress in relation to the construction and commissioning of the new in-patient mental health unit, 'The Harbour'. The presentation was delivered by Mr S. Winterson, Engagement Director and Ms B. Pickover, Head of Communications at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

The Committee was informed of certain milestone dates, including a topping out ceremony that took place at the end of February 2014, at which point the visible construction of the units had really started to take place.

Mr Winterson emphasised the importance of the consideration that had been given to accessibility, including the upgrading of 2 bus stops opposite the site and the installation of a toucon pedestrian crossing. There would be 200 car parking spaces and flexible

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visiting times would be introduced as far as possible. The Trust would also be helping with public transport and car sharing schemes.

Members were shown an artist's impression of the finished site and the suites, which were to be named after famous authors. Construction was due to be finished in January 2015 with the first service users expected in February 2015.

In relation to existing units, the Committee was informed that Parkwood hospital would close as a mental health unit and Lytham hospital would continue as a community hospital. There would be 530 staff employed at the Harbour, which was more than were currently employed across the existing sites.

Mr Winterson responded to a number of questions from the Committee. He confirmed that additional staff would be recruited to work on site and that facilities would be in place for staff to work up their qualifications. A 3 shift system would be in place once the facility was fully open.

In relation to concerns expressed by the Committee in relation to car parking, Mr Winterson explained that 200 spaces were the maximum number allowed under the planning permission that was granted. He did however acknowledge that it might be necessary in the future to negotiate with local businesses for additional spaces, should these be deemed necessary.

Mrs P Oliver, Director of Operations at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, outlined her concerns at the additional pressure that might be placed upon the Hospitals Trust once the Harbour was open. The concerns were in relation to the additional burden that was likely to be placed upon acute care from the in-patient facility. Discussions were ongoing between the Trusts as to how this could best be mitigated.

The Committee agreed to note the presentation and report.

Background papers: None.

5. BLACKPOOL CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Mr R Fisher, Chairman of Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), presented the Committee with an update report that covered a number of a different areas of work.

Commencing with an assurance update, Mr Fisher informed the Committee that the CCG met with the Lancashire Area Team for NHS England on a quarterly basis, who report back to the CCG, which is then, in turn, reported back to the Governing Body on the CCG's progress and assurances. The CCG then uses the NHS England Assurance Framework to provide assurance to the Area Team, covering all the areas that the CCG was responsible for. The CCG had recently undergone a year end assurance review with the Area Team and assurance of achievement in all areas of its business was provided. It was reported that the CCG Assurance Framework was based across six domains and the Committee was provided with details of each of these.

The Committee was then provided with details of the CCG's first Annual Report which had recently been drafted. A process of auditing and governance was underway that

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would lead to final publication of the report by 13th June. It was expected that the CCG would hold an annual general meeting where the report and accounts would be presented on 9th September.

Mr Fisher went on to provide the Committee with details of the Altogether Now – Blackpool Community Sports Awards which took place at an event that was held on 3rd April. It was reported that the event was a success, with hundreds of residents having attended the ceremony at Bloomfield Road where local sports stars from various community clubs and the professional world of sport were honoured. The Committee was provided with a full list of winners.

The Committee then went on to receive a presentation delivered by Dr. M Johnson of Blackpool CCG that related to an update on the Better Care Fund.

Members were reminded that the Better Care Fund was a £3.8 billion single pooled national budget for health and social care services to work more closely together in local areas, based on a plan agreed between the NHS and local authorities. Dr Johnson explained the role of the Programme Board which had been established in February 2014, that was responsible for the co-ordination of the locality plan for Blackpool and the design and implementation of all aspects of the Better Care Fund model that was described in the Plan. It was intended to lead to care being delivered closer to home and services wrapped around the need of the patient. He went on to describe the lengthy process of pulling the Plan together and the submission process which had been completed in April 2014.

The Committee was informed that whilst Blackpool had been held as an exemplar in relation to its submission, there was now a Government pause and guidance was now awaited on the next steps, nationally. Dr Johnson added however that due to the complexity and nature of the work going forward, that it was necessary to press on with the plans going forward on a local basis.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Dr Johnson acknowledged that in relation to budget sharing across Fylde, transience and people moving around was a big problem and that information was not being transferred quickly enough. Work was being carried out on a primary identifier that would speed things up.

In relation to the preparatory work on the project, Dr Johnson explained that a pilot was being planned across GP practices in the north of the town with a commencement date of December 2014.

The Committee agreed to note the presentation and report.

Background papers: None.

6. BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Mrs P Oliver, Director of Operations at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, presented the Committee with the detailed action plan in response to the Trust's inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in January 2014 and the Quality

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Summit in March 2014. The action plan gave details of all areas of improvement that were being carried out, together with target dates and progress to date.

The Committee was informed that the Plan was monitored on a monthly basis by Monitor, the CQC and the Fylde Coast Clinical Advisory Board. The stakeholders were satisfied with the progress being made and the plan would be reviewed on a quarterly basis by Monitor in the future.

Responding to questions from the Committee in relation to the action plan, Mrs Oliver explained the reasons for the concerns around maternity services that were detailed on page 6 of the plan. The high rate of primary post partum haemorrhage and associated hysterectomy had been attributed to a highly unusual pattern of events, where, over a period of 6 months, 5 mothers had not stopped bleeding after giving birth. This had now reverted to a more usual figure of 1 every 6 months. It was also pointed out that the cases had been reported 6 months prior to the inspection taking place and that the Trust had requested that a Royal College of Nursing inspection takes place in order to provide the necessary assurances that all was in order with the maternity procedures at the hospital.

Mrs Oliver agreed to provide the Committee with a glossary of terms that related to the action plan.

The Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

Background papers: None.

7. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee considered its Workplan for the remainder of the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed to note the Workplan.

Background papers: None.

8. BLACKPOOL HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Committee considered the minutes from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 23rd April 2014.

Councillor Collett, Cabinet Member for Public Health commented that the Health and Wellbeing Board was working together very well. In terms of strategic direction, there was a need to concentrate efforts on what was likely to have most impact.

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

Background papers: None.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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The Committee noted the date of the next meeting as Thursday 17th July 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.05 pm)

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