

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Thursday, 3rd November, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)
Councillor B Dooley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, G Merry, A Moran and S Brookfield(substitute), D Flude (substitute)

Apologies

Councillors D Bailey and L Jeuda

29 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30 ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Janet Clowes - Adult Care and Integration Portfolio Holder
Mark Palethorpe - Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Sarah Smith - Corporate Commissioning Manager
Dr Tanya Stanway - CWP
Tim Welch - CWP
Julie Cottier - CWP
Neil Evans - Eastern Cheshire CCG
Julie Curtis Eastern Cheshire CCG
Tracy Parker Priest – South Cheshire CCG

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

32 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of the existence of a party whip.

33 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

David Wood from Macclesfield referred to respite carer facilities in the borough. He informed the Committee that he had conducted an independent anonymous survey involving a small number of existing users of the service. The results of his survey were in marked contrast to the results outlined in the Council's own survey contained in the report on today's agenda. He therefore asked officers to take

note of the comments received in his independent survey which he contended were well founded and genuine.

David spoke favourably about the new booking arrangements which were similar to the previous arrangements. However, he expressed concern about the availability of local beds which meant that service users were occasionally having to go outside of their local area. Not all the providers supplied respite services and some users had expressed a preference to not use some providers in future.

He expressed his disappointment that in a time when dementia was on the increase, the Council was proposing to reduce the number of respite beds available by three.

Mr Wood was asked by the Chairman to forward his independent survey onto Sarah Smith Corporate Commissioning Manager.

Jean Bennett also spoke about respite carer facilities. She also contended that experience of service users did not concur with the positive responses reported in the Council document on today's agenda. She asked for clarification as to the location of the respite bed referred to in paragraph 6.11 of the report which was situated in the north of the borough. She also asked if the Council had carried out an investigation to explain the small usage of respite beds referred to in paragraph 6.20.

Finally, she enquired as to what the Council's intentions were with regard to the additional savings that would be made if three further beds were closed which would be in addition to the £1.6 million saved as a result of closing permanent respite care facilities.

34 CHESHIRE AND WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP (CWP) NHS FOUNDATION TRUST QUALITY ACCOUNT 2015/16

Dr Tania Stanway, Julia Cottier and Tim Welch attended the meeting and reported on additional detail requested by the Committee in May 2016 when CWP had presented its quality accounts for 2015/16.

The Chairman explained to CWP that when the quality accounts had been presented to the Committee in May, the report lacked specific performance data on outcomes. For instance, the Committee had sought additional information relating to programmes that had been considered to have been successful, and on specific matters such as suicide reduction, complaints, how Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) was resourced, and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

RESOLVED – That CWP be invited back to a future meeting of the Committee and in the meantime, the Chairman be requested to have further discussions with representatives of CWP outside of the meeting regarding the level of detail required by the Committee.

35 CHESHIRE AND WIRRAL COMMISSIONING POLICY

Neil Evans and Julie Curtis from Eastern Cheshire CCG and Tracy Parker Priest from South Cheshire CCG attended the meeting and gave a presentation relating

to a consultation process to review the Cheshire and Wirral Commissioning Policy. The proposed changes involved six clinical areas covering fifteen conditions in total.

Neil explained that when feedback had been collated following the period of consultation, the matter would be referred to each governing body of the five CCGs covered by the consultation with a view to the publication of a new standard policy across all five CCG areas.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be received and noted

36 UPDATE ON LOCAL AND PERSONALISED CARER RESPITE FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN CHESHIRE EAST

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care and Health providing an update on Local and Personalised Carer respite for older people in Cheshire East.

The report provided information on usage and feedback concerning the implementation of local and personalised respite in Cheshire East following a competitive tendering exercise for respite carer facilities which had resulted in contracts being awarded to seven care providers for twenty one respite care beds in fifteen care homes located across the borough.

A review of the arrangements had been undertaken which had revealed that the number of respite nights within the current level of provision exceeded the number needed to provide a like for like replacement for the care previously provided at Hollins View and Lincoln House. For that reason, the number of basic residential carer respite beds could be reduced by three beds which would release £83,000 per annum to be allocated on other services for carers.

RESOLVED -

(a) That the report be received;

(b) That the Director of Adult Social Care and Health be requested to provide additional information at a future meeting of the Committee on the implications of reducing the number of respite carer beds by three.

37 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee reviewed its work programme.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

38 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee reviewed the forward plan.

RESOLVED – that the forward plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 1.00 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)