

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Thursday, 9th March, 2017 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 Baxendale, S Brookfield, E Brooks, C Chapman, S Edgar, L Jeuda, M Warren, G Merry, A Moran, S Pochin, J Rhodes and L Smetham

## Apologies

Councillors (none)

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

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

### 5 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Phil Jarrold from Crewe and Nantwich Open Minds (CNOM), attended the meeting and addressed the Committee on issues that related to Mental Health Services in East Cheshire. CNOM was a charitable group, that promoted mental health care and lobbied for funding and services to mainstream mental health. The issues were brought in connection with mental health draft redesign consultation proposals that Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (CWP) would be presenting later in the meeting, specifically the proposal to close the Millbrook Unit for Adult and Older Peoples Inpatients in Macclesfield.

Phil represented the views of both the East Cheshire Mental Health Forum, based in Macclesfield, and Open Minds, a similar forum based in the Crewe and

Nantwich area and gave the Committee an overview of the current arrangements for mental health in Cheshire.

The Chairman thanked Phil for his contribution and the groups interest in Scrutiny and the proactive approach of CNOM.

## **6 CHESHIRE & WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP- DRAFT REDESIGN CONSULTATION PROPOSAL**

Sheena Cumisky the Chief Executive of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (CWP) introduced her colleagues Dr. Tania Stanway, Dr Anushta Sivananthan and Suzanne Edwards who presented the Draft Redesign Consultation Proposal.

The Committee was shown a presentation by Dr. Stanway that outlined challenges to the NHS. These included increased demand, improved outcomes, rural area travel time, staff recruitment and retention and inpatient accommodation. CWP had experienced a 27% increase on services from the previous year with a 10% year-on-year increase.

CWP currently delivered services from five key sites:

- Springview Hospital, Wirral;
- Bowmere Hospital, Chester;
- Delamere Community Resource Centre;
- Soss Moss, Nether Alderley;
- Millbrook Unit, Macclesfield; and
- Lime Walk House and Jocelyn Soly Community Resource Centre

CWP treated 5000 patients in Cheshire East and 98% were treated within the community.

The Committee was shown three options that CWP proposed to take to formal consultation.

- to keep inpatient care at the Millbrook Unit by reducing mental health services in South and East Cheshire;
- to provide specialist inpatient care from Bowmere Hospital in Chester and Springview Hospital in Wirral, alongside increased community mental health services based nearer to people's homes in South and East Cheshire; and
- to provide specialist inpatient care for Older People at Limewalk House in Macclesfield and specialist inpatient care for adults at Bowmere Hospital in Chester, alongside increased crisis and community mental health services based nearer to people's homes in South and East Cheshire.

Dr. Stanway outlined the of the strengths and weaknesses of each option.

Suzanne summarised the immediate next steps, these included 12 weeks consultation, a programme of public events across east Cheshire, engagement events with interested groups and communications and promotional campaigns. Following the public consultation, CWP anticipated presenting a report, prior to any changes, to:

- the CWP Trust Board and Council of Governors;
- Governing Bodies of NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG;
- NHS Vale Royal CCG and South Cheshire CCG's;
- NHS England; and
- Cheshire East Health and Adult Social Care OSC.

In response to the presentation the Committee questioned the key speakers about the content within the Draft Redesign Consultation Proposal.

There was some discussion about options available in response to the utilisation of Limewalk House. It was suggested that a tour of the building would be advantageous.

The Committee expressed concerns about the additional pressures that could be passed onto the emergency services if patients had to be transported over a longer distance.

#### RESOLVED

- (a) That the presentation be noted and CWP be thanked for their attendance and contributions.
- (b) That a visit be arranged to Limewalk House for the Committee to establish the location and feasibility of the venue as a part of the consultation process.
- (c) That the following Members be appointed to a working group:  
Councillor Jos Saunders  
Councillor Mick Warren  
Councillor Sarah Pochin  
Councillor Laura Jeuda  
Councillor Gordon Baxendale  
to develop the next steps of the consultation proposal in partnership with CWP and South Cheshire CCG, and Cheshire East Adults and Social Care Officers, taking into account the opinions of Committee members.

## 7 CHESHIRE & WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP- QUALITY ACCOUNTS

Dr. Anushta Sivananthan presented the CWP Quality Accounts to the Committee.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) rated CWP as 'Good' in 2005 and 'Outstanding for Care'. Following a re-inspection in October 2016 CQC rated CWP as 'Good'.

RESOLVED- That the Quality Accounts be received and noted.

## **8 WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee reviewed its work programme.

RESOLVED –

That subject to the following changes, the report be received:

- Mental Health Reablement be put on hold awaiting the Better Care Fund (BCF) paper.
- ESAR to be brought to the Committee in October
- NWAS to be brought to the Committee in June
- Private Enforcement to be included as part of the Community Safety day in April
- Low Risk Domestic Violence be brought to the Committee in September

## **9 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 12.50 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)