

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 10th September, 2020 at Virtual Meeting

PRESENT

Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors S Brookfield, J Clowes, A Critchley, D Edwardes, B Evans, S Gardiner, A Harewood, D Murphy, J Parry, P Redstone, R Vernon, L Smetham, J Weatherill and N Wylie

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor M Houston, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health

Councillor L Jeuda, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health; Deputy Leader of the Labour Group

Councillor J Rhodes, Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Corporate Services

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Louise Barry, Chief Executive (Cheshire East Healthwatch) *

Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care Operations

Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health

Madeleine Lowry, Associate Director of Operations (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) **

Mark Palethorpe, Executive Director of People

Kath Senior, Director of Nursing and Quality (East Cheshire NHS Trust) **

James Sumner, Chief Executive (Mid Cheshire NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust) **

Nichola Thompson, Director of Commissioning

Clare Watson, Chief Executive (Cheshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group) **

* Attended for Minute No. 24 only

** Attended for Minute No. 25 only

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Houston (substituted for by Councillor A Harewood) and L Wardlaw (substituted for by Councillor L Smetham).

20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

22 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

No declarations of a party whip were received.

23 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

24 HEALTHWATCH CHESHIRE EAST - 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT AND COVID-19 UPDATE

The committee agreed to move this item up the agenda to be considered as the first substantive item of business.

Consideration was given to both the Cheshire East Healthwatch Annual Report 2019/20, as well as an update on the work it had undertaken throughout the Covid-19 response and recovery periods.

The committee asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- whether any 'enter and view [of health services]' had been undertaken during lockdown;
- the impacts of the pandemic on people in care homes and their loved ones;
- the work undertaken by pharmacies during the pandemic response period; and
- the reasons for the increased number of people that contacted the NHS Independent Complaints Advocacy Service (ICAS) in the 2019/20 year.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

25 SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES IN CHESHIRE EAST

Before commencing their presentation, the officers in attendance from local health partners began by thanking the committee for its role and support in the redesigning of adult's and older people's mental health

services in Cheshire East. This piece of work had won the Health Service Journal national award.

The committee considered an update on the work that had been undertaken in response to Covid-19, as well as a presentation on the redesign of acute services. Questions and comments were made regarding;

- the rates of prostate cancer screening since the beginning of the pandemic;
- whether the data on Covid-19 cases would be analysed alongside the ‘tartan rug’ (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment), to see whether there was a higher rate of cases in areas of greater inequality;
- what the ‘Independent Sector’ was and what its role had been during the pandemic;
- the progress made in encouraging elective surgery patients to return to hospital settings and progress their cases;
- the 111 First pilot being run by Mid-Cheshire NHS Foundation Trust; and
- what the implications would be for health bodies if the ambitious targets set by central government were not met.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the update be noted.
- 2 That the next quarterly update of ‘Sustainability of Health Services in Cheshire East’ be added to the committee’s work programme for 14 January 2021.

26 FORWARD PLAN

The committee considered the council’s Forward Plan of key decisions.

RESOLVED –

That the Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen’s Group be asked to discuss and determine which of the overview and scrutiny committees should take the lead on the Forward Plan item relating to the identification of a transit site for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

27 WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered its work programme.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the Social Value Policy item be received via electronic circulation, rather than as a substantive item of business on the 8 October meeting agenda.

- 2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen's Group be asked to discuss and determine which of the overview and scrutiny committees would be most suitable to take the lead on reviewing the performance of the council's contract with Emerging Futures.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.31 pm.

Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)