

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

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

held on Tuesday, 17th May, 2016 at East Committee Room - Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)
Councillor S Pochin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, B Dooley, D Flude and A Moran

Apologies

Councillors G Merry

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor J Clowes – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Integration
Jayne Hartley – Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2016 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 party whip

5 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

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

6 MID CHESHIRE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST QUALITY ACCOUNT 2015/16

Jayne Hartley, Deputy Director of Nursing and Quality, provided an overview of the Quality Accounts 2015/16 for Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MCHFT). During the presentation members of the Committee asked questions and discussed their views on the Quality Account.

The following comments arose:

- Overall the Committee was pleased with the content of the Quality Account and believes it provides a good picture of the performance of the Trust.
- The Committee was pleased to see that the Trust's financial deficits had been reduced and hoped that financial stability was sustainable in the long term.
- The Committee noted the Trust's success in achieving zero MRSA and CDiff cases as well as no 'never events' as well as the 95% approval rating from the Friends and Family Test.
- The Trust's performance on the Emergency Department (ED) waiting times did not meet the national target of 95% patients discharged or admitted with four hours. However the Committee understood the pressures facing ED's which were discussed in the Committee's recent Ambulance Services Report.
- The Committee was concerned about the length of stays for patients and delayed discharges, which in turn affects ED waiting times.
- The Committee also noted the relatively high rates of readmissions within 30 days and wanted to ensure that patients were discharged at the right times and that effective recovery and care services were in place for them.
- The Committee also recognised a concern about an apparent need for additional intermediate care beds in the community to provide the additional care patients need to enable them to be discharged from hospital on time.
- The Committee shared the Trust's disappointment with the increase in pressure ulcers cases and supported efforts to improve equipment and staff training to ensure pressure ulcers did not occur while patients were in hospital.
- The Committee noted the nurse staffing levels of the Trust and supported efforts to train additional nurses locally in partnership with South Cheshire College and hoped more local young people looking to enter a career in nursing could be supporting into a role at their local Trust.

The Committee was requested to submit a statement regarding its views on the Quality Account to MCHFT so that it could be included in the final version of the Quality Account.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account for 2015/16 be noted.
- (b) That the Chairman be requested to write to the Trust to submit the Committee's statement for inclusion in the Quality Account.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and concluded at 2.40 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)

