

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

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

held on Thursday, 19th May, 2016 at The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

PRESENT

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, B Dooley, L Jeuda and A Moran

Apologies

Councillors S Pochin, D Bailey and G Merry

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor J Clowes – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Integration

Kath Senior – East Cheshire NHS Trust

Carol Seddon – East Cheshire NHS Trust

James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

14 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of party whip

15 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

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

16 EAST CHESHIRE NHS TRUST QUALITY ACCOUNT 2015/16

Kath Senior, Director of Nursing, Performance and Quality, and Carol Seddon, Deputy Director of Nursing and Quality, provided an overview of the Quality Accounts 2015/16 for East Cheshire NHS Trust (ECT). 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 believed it provided a good picture of the performance of the Trust.
- The Committee was pleased the Trust's out of hours service received a good rating from CQC and following its meeting on 11 March 2016 was

assured that the Trust provided a safe service and hoped the CQC reinspection resulted in an overall rating of Good.

- The Committee noted the issues the Trust had with recruitment of staff, particularly nurses, and hoped the Trust was able to address the spending on agency staff. The Committee supported the efforts the Trust was making to recruit new nurses from abroad but hoped that it was also able to recruit nurses locally from those young residents who were interested in a career in nursing.
- The Trust's performance on the Emergency Department (ED) waiting times was below the national target. The Committee understood the pressures facing ED's which was discussed in the Committee's recent Ambulance Services Review. The Committee had also noted similar levels of performance from the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account during its review on 17 May 2016.
- The Committee was concerned about the length of stays for patients and delayed discharges, which in turn affected ED waiting times and again noted that a similar situation was apparent in Mid Cheshire. The Committee wanted to consider conducting a scrutiny review of delayed discharge during the 2016-17 municipal year.
- While the Committee supported the efforts of the Trust and its staff to deliver the best quality of care to Cheshire East residents it noted the Trust's financial position and expressed concern about the size of the deficit. The Committee hoped that efforts to address the situation were successful in bringing the Trust closer to a sustainable financial position.

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

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the East Cheshire NHS 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.
- (c) That a review of delayed discharged from hospitals in Cheshire East during the 2016/17 municipal year be added to the work programme.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and concluded at 2.20 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)