

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 15th June, 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, S Brookfield, E Brooks, L Jeuda, S Pochin,
J Rhodes, A Stott and M Warren

6 UPDATE ON THE POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF OUTPATIENT CLINICS FROM HANDFORTH

Steven Redfern and Fiona Walton from East Cheshire NHS Trust and Neil Evans from Eastern Cheshire CCG gave a presentation to the Committee to update on the Substantial Development/Variation (SDV) that related to the relocation of outpatient clinics in Handforth.

The SDV related primarily to consultant-led outpatient clinics. These services were placed on a national 'choice' directory of which the CCG paid a nationally determined tariff price for any patient to use these services. GP's could then use the e-referral system to identify outpatient clinics and the patient selects there appointment. Supported transport is available for patients who need it.

The CCG believed the current arrangements for this building to be very limited and in order to provide more services a bigger space was required. The process for X-Ray appointments was currently very labour intensive and duplicated appointment times. Neil reiterated the focus of the CCG to offer community provision in Handforth that has value for money.

The Committee was informed that 405 patients were affected by the changes which was less than the earlier estimate, however many of those appointments would need access to diagnostics (such as X-Ray) which were not available at Handforth. In other areas there were a lot less consultant led appointments, in Handforth there were a lot more cases.

In terms of mitigation, Neil advised that travel support arrangements had been identified, and that the CCGs had undertaken local public engagement and involvement working with local outpatient groups in the area.

Steven and Neil concluded by summarising the main points of the presentation, the impact of patients and viable options available, the CCG was looking to put increased provision in place over the next 2-3 months and would be working closely with GPs.

The Chairman confirmed the health protocol required a minimum of 12 weeks consultation time for Level 3 SDVs but this was something that could be discussed between the two CCG's outside of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Steven, Fiona and Neil for the presentation and asked them to finalise the points raised by the Committee and to send a revised briefing note.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the presentation be noted and Steven, Fiona and Neil be thanked for their attendance and contributions.
- (b) That the CCG be required to provide the Committee with details from the public consultation
- (c) That the CCG be required to provide the Committee with a revised briefing note following the feedback given today.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.45 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)