

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Thursday, 11th April, 2019 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor S Gardiner (Chairman)  
Councillor B Dooley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, S Brookfield, L Durham, S Edgar, C Green,  
L Jeuda, D Mahon, A Moran and J Rhodes

### **PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor L Wardlaw, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health  
Councillor J Clowes, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Integration

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care  
John Wilbraham, Chief Executive Officer (East Cheshire NHS Trust)  
Neil Evans, Director of Commissioning (NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical  
Commissioning Group)  
Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health

### **109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Andrew, G Baxendale  
and G Hayes.

### **110 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 March 2019 be approved as a  
correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor L Durham declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute Nos. 114 and  
115.

### **112 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

No declarations of a party whip were received.

### **113 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

**114 CESSATION OF SPECIALIST ORTHODONTIC AND ORAL SURGERY SERVICES AT MACCLESFIELD GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Consideration was given to written and verbal updates on the cessation of specialist orthodontic and oral surgery services at Macclesfield General Hospital, submitted by NHS England North (Cheshire and Merseyside) and John Wilbraham, Chief Executive of East Cheshire NHS Trust, respectively.

Mr John Wilbraham accepted that consultation with the committee should have taken place immediately after the Trust served notice on the two contracts, and expressed sincere apologies on behalf of the Trust for this.

The committee were provided with more detail to explain why notice had been served on the contracts, including that the services were small-scale and considered clinically fragile and that providing the services from other providers could be more sustainable.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- how many patients had been, or were on a waiting list to be, transferred to new service providers to date;
- whether there is confidence that the services could be provided from Macclesfield in the future;
- concerns for patients (and their families, carers or friends) who would be required to travel further for appointments; and
- concern about the future of Macclesfield District General Hospital and whether more services would also be transferred to other providers in the future.

After giving consideration to the informal advice provided by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel regarding the committee's decision to refer this matter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the committee deliberated whether or not to continue with its referral in the light of the updates received.

It was proposed and seconded that the committee would continue with its referral. Of the eleven members present, nine voted in favour of the proposal and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman abstained from the vote.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1 That the committee refer the matter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.
- 2 That a further update on this matter be submitted to the committee's meeting on 13 June 2019.

**115 CLOSURE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT SERVICE AT MACCLESFIELD GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Consideration was given to a report submitted by NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group regarding changes to the provision of nursing services that supported people with Parkinson's Disease within the locality.

The committee asked questions in relation to;

- how quickly the patients would develop positive relationships with the new Parkinson's Disease nurse support service;
- what the range of benefits would be following the establishment of the new service;
- when the new service would likely commence;
- whether the total number or proportion of Parkinson's Disease diagnoses had increased in Cheshire East; and
- whether people were increasingly living longer with Parkinson's Disease.

**RESOLVED –**

That the committee be made aware of the new service provider once it has become public knowledge.

116      **FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the council's forward plan of key decisions, for the period until ...

**RESOLVED –**

That the forward plan be noted.

117      **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the committee's current work programme and whether any new or existing items needed to be added or deleted respectively.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Scrutiny Officer liaise with the relevant officers and partners to obtain more information on the Transformation Board, One for You service, and the range of clinically fragile services provided by Cheshire East hospitals, to ultimately allow the committee to make an informed decision to add any additional items to its work programme.

The meeting commenced at 10.03 am and concluded at 11.20 am

Councillor S Gardiner (Chairman)