

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Wednesday, 6th July, 2016 at Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings,  
Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)

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

## **Apologies**

Councillors S Pochin and G Merry

## **1 ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Janet Clowes – Adult Care and Integration Portfolio Holder  
Fleur Blakeman – Eastern Cheshire CCG  
Katy Brownbill – South Cheshire CCG  
Jenny Fullard – Midlands and Cheshire CSU  
Julia Langley – Eastern Cheshire CCG  
Tracy Parker Priest – South Cheshire CCG  
Julia Cottier – Cheshire and Wirral partnership  
Simon Whitehouse – South Cheshire CCG

## **2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June be confirmed 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 the existence of a party whip.

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

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

## **6 FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR NHS SOUTH CHESHIRE CCG**

Simon Whitehouse, Chief Executive of South Cheshire CCG attended the meeting and gave a presentation on a proposed financial recovery and improvement plan for the period 2016-20 for Central Cheshire which included South Cheshire CCG and Vale Royal CCG.

Simon explained that challenging circumstances that the CCG faced in the next four years taking account of:

- Expected increase of demand for health and social care;
- Increasing size of population;
- Lifestyle choices and long term conditions raising demand for care;
- Inflation and costs of new technologies increasing the cost of care delivery;
- Reduction in government grants;
- Increase in the minimum wage and apprenticeship levy.

In summary, Central Cheshire was facing a combined financial challenge of £90.5million by 2020/21.

Simon outlined a range of options currently being considered to bridge the projected gap and informed the committee that if all savings identified were successfully in full, there would still be a financial gap of £27 million in 20/21.

Simon suggested that the CCG was giving consideration as to how it could ration health care in the future under 6 headings:

- Deflection – by passing the care delivery elsewhere
- Delay – by increasing waiting times for treatment
- Denial – by stopping treating certain things that are considered not to add clinical value
- Selection – By introducing thresholds
- Deterrence –
- Dilution by offering a reduced service.
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Simon also outlined the benefits of early intervention which in long run paid dividends in saving money, for instance in early detection of cancers.

Another major of expenditure related to prescriptions and it was suggested that the annual prescription bill would have to be reduced which was currently running at approximately £31million per annum.

Members expressed initial concern about a number of the measures proposed to reduce costs but highlighted in particular proposals relating to CAMHS and section 256 monies.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That The presentation be noted and Simon Whitehouse be thanked for his attendance and explanations;
- (b) That the Committee's concerns regarding future section 256 monies and potential reduction in funding for CAHMS be placed on record and Simon be requested to report to the South Cheshire CCG Governing Body this committee's grave concerns about the future funding levels;

- (c) That Simon be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee when the recovery plan has been formally approved by the Governing Body.

## **7 MENTAL HEALTH GATEWAY**

Dr Jean Jenkins Clinical Director and GP attended the meeting and gave a presentation on proposals for a new mental health gateway service across south Cheshire CCG.

The committee was informed that in south Cheshire, 17,720 people per year were expected to experience low level mental health needs.

The current arrangements provided a South Cheshire Single point of Access (SPA) team. This team provided the point of access to secondary mental health services, which had been developed as part of a Community Service redesign and Wirral partnership trust in 2013 in conjunction with the Council.

The new proposed gateway model, would operate in primary care and was for people suffering from a mild to moderate health difficulty.

The gateway was designed to meet the needs of a group of people whose mental health difficulties were not of the severity to access already commissioned services. The gateway would also act as a single point of access for referrers and patients and was part of on-going commitment to develop integrated services within Cheshire East. In connection with the commitment to develop integrated services, the Committee was informed that agreement had been reached in principle between the Council and CCG to introduce an element of social work support within the gateway.

RESOLVED - that the presentation be received and Dr Jenkins be invited back to the Committee in 6 months' time to report on the effectiveness of the new arrangements.

## **8 CARING TOGETHER PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Fleur Blakeman Strategic and Transformation Director, Eastern CCG attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the progress of the 'Caring Together' programme.

In terms of achievements in 2015/16, Fleur informed the Committee that the programme delivered:

- equity of access to and expansion of services in primary care which had commenced January 2016
- Proactive care and risk stratification, targeted at top 2% of the at risk population
- commenced Frailty Service in September 2015
- Introduced reactive community response in September 2015

As far as progress in 2016/17 was concerned, the programme had:

- Continued development of the community based coordinated care business case
- Implemented Integrated Community Teams (without additional resources)

- Provided single point of access for reactive community services
- The Shared Care Record went live 1 July 2016
- The ramp up of Primary Care contract from April 2016 would be fully implemented by December 2016

As the programme developed, Fleur informed the Committee that Caring Together priorities for 2016/17 were:

- Maternity Care
- Children's Health and Wellbeing services
- Integrated Urgent and Community Care
- Specialised Services

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the presentation be received;
- (b) That Fleur Blakeman be invited to report back to the Committee in September 2016 to present final proposal for the Caring together project 2016/17 together with details of a advice on public consultation regarding any proposed changes to services.

## 9 **WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED –

That that subject to an item being added to the work programme regarding Redesigning Adult and Older People's Mental Health Services in Central and Eastern Cheshire, the work programme be approved.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.30 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)