

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 22nd November, 2018 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, M Deakin (substitute), L Durham, C Green, G Hayes, L Jeuda, D Mahon, A Moran, J Rhodes and D Flude (substitute)

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director for Adult Social Care and Health
Amrith Shetty, Strategic Clinical Director and Specialty Clinical Director for Rehabilitation (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership)
Tracey Shewan, Executive Director of Quality and Safeguarding (NHS South Cheshire & Vale Royal CCG)
Andy Styring, Director of Operations (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership)

64 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Baxendale, E Brooks, S Edgar (substituted for by Councillor M Deakin) and I Faseyi (substituted for by Councillor D Flude.)

65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

66 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

No declarations of the existence of a party whip were received.

67 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public in attendance expressed an interest in speaking.

68 FINAL DECISION-MAKING BUSINESS CASE FOR ADULT'S AND OLDER PEOPLES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CHESHIRE EAST

The committee considered a report and presentation submitted jointly by the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (CWP), NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and NHS South Cheshire & Vale Royal CCG, that provided detail on a new proposal for the redesign of adults and older peoples' mental health services in Cheshire East: Option 2 Plus.

The committee was informed that Option 2 Plus was a revised version of the previously consulted Option 2, and had been developed after reviewing the feedback and concern raised by the committee and the wider public relating to;

- travel and transport implications for affected patients and their carers and families;
- impacts to local emergency services; and
- ensuring that there were enough local beds to retain a localised service provision for residents.

Members were advised that a meeting of the combined governing bodies of the CCGs was being held concurrent to the meeting of this committee, at which it was planned for the final decision to be taken on which proposal – Option 2 Plus, or one of the three previously consulted options – would be taken forward.

After considering the information presented, members put questions and comments in relation to;

- what engagement or consultation had been carried out on Option 2 Plus to date, and whether any more was planned;
- recruitment and staffing issues and the impacts of these on how effective Option 2 Plus could be;
- the potential difficulties of travelling to Lime Walk House via public transport and issues with nearby car parking;
- whether the wards in Lime Walk House would be organised in a way that best supports cohorts of patients from different age groups;
- where in the locality the six new crisis beds would be placed; and
- whether the CCGs could guarantee their planned additional financial contributions to the proposal.

The committee unanimously supported Option 2 Plus as the preferred option compared to the previously consulted proposals.

The Chairman then referred the committee to its statutory duty as a health scrutiny body, in determining whether such a proposal should be considered a significant development or variation (SDV), and if so, what it

would recommend to be an appropriate level of public consultation for the matter.

The committee concluded that it considered Option 2 Plus to be a level 3 SDV, as per the council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Protocol.

In light of the extensive consultation already undertaken by the CCGs and CWP on this matter, the committee was mindful to waive the government-recommended requirement to undertake a twelve week public consultation for a level 3 SDV, and in this instance requested that the CCGs and CWP undertake a public consultation exercise for a period of four weeks commencing 22 November, 2018.

RESOLVED

- 1 That Option 2 Plus be considered a Significant Development or Variation.
- 2 That a recommendation be put to the governing bodies of the CCGs to undertake a formal public consultation on Option 2 Plus for a period of four weeks, commencing 22 November, 2018.

The meeting commenced at 10.03 am and concluded at 11.05 am

Councillor S Gardiner (Chairman)