

## Health Select Committee

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### **MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2022 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.**

#### **Present:**

Cllr Johnny Kidney (Chairman), Cllr Gordon King (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr David Vigar, Diane Gooch and Cllr Trevor Carbin (Substitute)

#### **Also Present:**

Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Jane Davies and Cllr Tony Jackson

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#### **42 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Howard Greenman, Pip Ridout and David Bowler, and from Irene Kohler and Sue Denmark.

Councillor Bowler was substituted by Councillor Trevor Carbin.

#### **43 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2022 were presented for consideration, and it was,

#### **Resolved:**

**To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.**

#### **44 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

#### **45 Chairman's Announcements**

Through the Chairman Members were reminded that as of 1 July 2022 the Integrated Care System was formally established across the Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire areas.

With the Vice-Chairman the quality of services offered by NHS healthcare providers within the county was being reviewed. This included reviewing their annual quality accounts. Responses were sent to Wiltshire Health and Care,

AWP, South West Ambulance Service Trust, and Salisbury Hospital Foundation Trust.

Finally, it was proposed to hold an inquiry day later in the year to consider pressures on the ambulance system, particularly handovers at accident and emergency units.

46 **Public Participation**

There were no questions or statements submitted.

47 **Salisbury Campus Scheme**

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust was in the process of seeking capital funding in relation to its current day surgery unit, which was a time limited. A replacement with an elective care centre was proposed to provide day surgical care in a purpose built environment. The views of the health Select Committee were being sought, in particular relating to any further engagement.

Laurence Arnold, Programme Director, attended the meeting virtually to present a report detailing the capital development opportunities being explored at Salisbury Hospital. Details were provided of the current level of provision with theatres and patients.

The Committee discussed the report and update. Questions were asked about the types of surgery that would be undertaken, the intention for a dedicated admission area and recovery area for children unlike the current arrangement, and sources of public sector capital.

The Committee did not consider it appropriate to set out in detail how the Trust should conduct consultation, but was supportive of current engagement with GPs and local people.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was,

**Resolved:**

- 1) **To thank the programme director for the update;**
- 2) **To note that the business case for a new elective care centre is at an outline stage and has the support of the Health Select Committee;**
- 3) **To welcome the engagement undertaken to date with the public and the Health Select Committee;**
- 4) **To request that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee are updated when the programme team has a line of sight to future capital funding**

48 **Wiltshire Independent Living Strategy 2022/27**

The Committee was asked to consider the draft Wiltshire Independent Living Strategy, which was intended to maximise the independence, choice and control for people with a learning disability, mental health condition and/or autism spectrum condition in Wiltshire, by providing the right accommodation and support.

Councillor Jane Davies, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, SEND, Transition, and inclusion, was in attendance to present the report supported officers. It was reported it was intended the strategy be considered by Cabinet in September 2022.

The implantation of the strategy formed part of the ongoing Adult Social Care Transformation, and it was expected to see fewer residents in out of county placements, and less time spent in hospital.

The Committee discussed the update and strategy. Details were sought on budgetary implications, and it was anticipated costs would reduce as providing residential care was more expensive than supporting independent living. It was also stated that due to ageing populations there were many younger people who would need assistance to support their parents as their health declined. Details were sought on attracting providers, promotion of the Shared Lives service and need to recruit more carers. There was also discussion of day care facilities and the benefits of mixed housing developments in place of retirement communities.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was,

**Resolved:**

- 1) **To thank the cabinet member and officers for the report;**
- 2) **To welcome and support the recommendations of the Strategy as captured in paragraph 19 of the report;**
- 3) **To invite further updates to the Committee on future delivery of the Strategy.**

49 **Collaborative Working with Providers**

A report was provided analysing the impact of support that had been provided by the council to the adult social care market in partnership with Wiltshire care Partnership and the Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, not the Integrated Care Board. Councillor Jane Davies, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, SEND, Transition, and inclusion, was in attendance to present the report supported officers and Jo Howes, Wiltshire Care Partnership, attending virtually.

Details were provided of the approach taken, accelerated during the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, to enable the team at the council to be a 'one stop

shop' for providers, with close collaboration with Health providers. The collaboration enabled clearer understanding of expectations for providers, co-producing local criteria with the care partnership, and enabled easier discussion of more difficult issues as the service returns to a more regular footing. The collaboration also involved working with GPs and advisory groups.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was,

**Resolved:**

- 1) **To thank the cabinet member and officers for the report;**
- 2) **To note the positive relationships that have been developed with care home provider market during the pandemic;**
- 3) **To commend the collaborative work that has significantly accelerated between the council, Wiltshire Care Partnership and system health partners in response to the challenges of the pandemic.**

50 **South West Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) Update**

A report had been provided by the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) on recent activity in Wiltshire and the wider region. The report was presented by Jess Cunningham and Paul Birkett-Wendes attending virtually.

A summary was provided of the current situation, with it stated the Trust was broadly back to pre-pandemic levels of activity. Investment had been made to mitigate issues, however handover delays were currently considerable, around 1600 hours lost per week against a pre-pandemic average of 4-500 hours. Action plans had been prepared with projected trajectories to reduce this by 70% across Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire, however this was currently running behind schedule.

The Committee noted the report and systemic nature of some of the issues affecting the Trust, and was supportive of holding an inquiry day to look into the pressures and monitor progress on mitigation measures. The impact on staff was highlighted, being required to support patients for potentially long periods which was not part of their intended role, as well as the significant delays in responding affecting the public.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was,

**Resolved:**

- 1) **To thank the officers for the report;**
- 2) **To note the systemic pressures currently placed upon the system;**

**3) To agree to a Health Select Committee inquiry day in Autumn 2022 to look at the system challenges and potential solutions**

51 **Forward Work Programme**

The Forward Plan was presented for discussion, and it was,

**Resolved:**

**To note the forward work programme.**

52 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15 September 2022.

53 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.15 pm)

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