



AGENDA

Meeting: Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Place: Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5
Date: Thursday 15 November 2007
Time: 10:30

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Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time	Place
Committee Members Only	15 November	09:30	Committee VIII

Membership:

Councillors (WCC):

Dr J M English
Mrs M E Groom
Mr M Hewson
Mr W Moss
Mr J B Osborn
Mrs P Rugg
Mrs J H Seager
Mr R S While
Mrs M White

Councillors (District Councils):

Mr M Hewitt (Salisbury District Council)
Mr B Mudge (West Wiltshire District Council)
Mrs S Parker (North Wiltshire District Council)
Mrs P Winchcombe (Kennet District Council)

Stakeholders:

Patient & Public Involvement Forum:

Dr P Biggs – Chair, Wiltshire PPI Forum
Terry White – Wiltshire PPI Forum
Anna Farquhar – Great Western Ambulance PPI Forum
Helen Thompson – Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust PPI Forum

Wilts & Swindon User's Network:

Jean Cole

Part 1

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2007.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Members Interests

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

5. Public Participation

The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public. This meeting is open to members of the public who may ask a question or make a statement. Written notice of questions or statements should be submitted by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 13 November 2007. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

6. Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Bid

AWP is intending to bid for Foundation Trust status in the New Year and is beginning the engagement phase for this process now. The Committee will receive a presentation from Christina Button or Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust.

The Committee will be asked to respond to the consultation in due course and will receive further detailed information from the Trust about how achieving Foundation status will impact on services.

It is suggested that the Committee nominate a group of members to engage with AWP and respond to the pending consultation on behalf of the Committee. Members will note that further in the agenda the report for the Mainstreaming Mental Health Task Group suggests amending the terms of reference for that group so that it becomes more of a standing task group looking at key strategic decisions as well as continuing to monitor the implementation of service change.

The Committee is asked to consider requesting the Mainstreaming Mental Health Task Group to develop an understanding of the rationale behind the Foundation bid and to ultimately provide the consultation response on behalf of the committee.

7. Mainstreaming Mental Health Task Group – Update Report

The Mainstreaming Mental Health Task Group met on 18 October and received updates regarding the implementation from AWP, the PCT and the Department of Community Services.

The Task Group received an update on the implementation of Mainstreaming Mental Health, and followed up concerns raised at a previous Committee meeting regarding the outcomes from the South Wilts PCT Mental Health Consultation carried out in 2005.

Members are asked to note the report and consider the recommendations.

8. Draft Mental Health Commissioning Framework

The County Council and Wiltshire PCT have jointly produced a draft commissioning framework which is intended to bring together service commissioning for both organisations to ensure that a full range of supportive services are available for patients in Wiltshire.

A representative from the Department of Community Services will present the consultation document to the Committee.

The Council and the PCT are seeking views on the document until 31 December 2007.

Members are asked to consider requesting the Mainstreaming Mental Health Task Group to meet and provide a response to the consultation on behalf of the Committee.

9. Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust

The Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust has produced a Vision Statement, with the support of the PCTs in Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire who commission its services, outlining how it will undertake to improve delivery of services for the future.

Dr Stephen Rawlings, Clinical Director for the Trust will explain the aims of the Vision Statement.

The Chairmen of the Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Swindon Health OSCs have met recently with the Chief Executive of the Ambulance Trust to discuss concerns felt by all three committees regarding the current performance of the Trust.

A report summarising the discussion and outlining the agreement made at the meeting regarding communication and the Chairs intention to pursue joint scrutiny of the Ambulance Trust is attached.

The Committee is asked to consider the recommendations in the report.

10. Delayed Transfers of Care Task Group – Update Report

The Delayed Transfers of Care Task Group met on 11 October and the report from that meeting is attached for information.

The Task Group has agreed on a course of action, outlined in the report, which will bring in the work of the three acute hospital trusts and the mental health trust as well as at the PCT and WCC.

Members are asked to note the report.

11. Reforming Community Services Update

The Committee will receive a verbal update from Alison Knowles, Director, Corporate Affairs and Communications, Wiltshire PCT.

A meeting of the Reforming Community Services Task Group has been arranged, at which members will seek updates on primary care centres, implementation of changes to minor injury services, neighbourhood teams and ambulatory services at community hospitals. A further update will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

Members are asked to note the update.

12. Local Involvement Network (LINK) Consultation

The Department of Health is carrying out a national consultation on the future LINK arrangements. The consultation document is attached.

Members are reminded that the South West Scrutiny Network is holding an event in Bristol on 16 November which will bring together all the scrutiny committees in the South West region to discuss how they will work with the LINKs in the future.

Preparations are now under way for the arrangement of the Wiltshire LINK and a steering group has been formed to put together a tender specification for the host organisation that will eventually support the Wiltshire LINK. The Health Scrutiny Officer is representing the Committee on this steering group as the LINK will have a particular relationship to the Health OSC.

A special event aimed at bringing together groups and individuals in Wiltshire who may be interested in forming part of the LINK is being held on 29 November at the Assembly Rooms in Melksham. This event is intended to give all interested parties an opportunity to put their views and ideas forward before the tender document is written and it is hoped it will be a lively and productive session. All members of the Committee are invited to attend the event and to pass the details on to any group or individual who may be interested in becoming involved. Copies of the booking form and other details are available from the Health Scrutiny Officer.

The Committee is recommended to consider asking two or three members to respond to the Department of Health consultation on its behalf and to request those members to liaise with the Department of Community Services, which is the body responsible for procuring the LINK in doing so.

The Committee is also asked to note the dates of the South West Scrutiny Network event and the Wiltshire specific event.

13. Annual Healthcheck – Results for 2006/07 and Process for 2007/08

The results for this year's Annual Healthcheck were published for each trust on 18 October and are summarised in the covering report.

The Committee is asked to consider the recommendations in the report in order to plan the process for providing comments for next year's Annual Healthcheck.

14. Workplan – For Information

(Document to Follow)

The workplan for the Committee has been updated to outline how work now includes commissioning and social care elements, in addition to NHS service delivery.

It is suggested that the Committee notes the updated workplan, with a view to holding an informal session in the New Year to review the content of the workplan and consider the priorities for the year ahead.

15. Date of Next Meeting

20 March 2008 – 10.30. (A Joint Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for 5th February, 2008 to discuss the Budget.)

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.