HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

At a meeting of this Panel held on
10 June 2013

(Present) Councillors Baines, Bowden (The Mayor), Hargreaves, McQuade, Shields and Topping

(Not Present) Councillors Burns, Jackson, Nichols and Preston

(Also Present) Brenda Smith, Healthwatch St. Helens
Emma Rodriguez Dos Santos, Healthwatch St. Helens Support Manager

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

* Resolved that Councillor Shields be appointed as Chairman for this meeting of the Panel.

Councillor Shields here took the Chair.

The Chairman welcomed the new Members to the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

It was reported that since the publication of the Agenda, Councillor Preston had replaced Councillor Maloney as a Member of the Panel.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burns, Jackson, McQuade, Preston and Nichols.

3 MINUTES

* Resolved that the Minutes of the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 25 March 2013, be approved and signed.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report was submitted which detailed the Terms of Reference for the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel as follows:

The Panel shall undertake the functions delegated by the Commission, and in particular:

• To consider and scrutinise items relating to the provision of adult social care in the Borough.

• To consider and scrutinise items relating to the provision of health services including public health in the Borough, in accordance with relevant legislation.

• To review items relating to the operation of adult social care and health services identified in 1 and 2 and their performance, as selected by members of the
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Panel, or referred to them by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission or the Cabinet.

• To engage with, and respond to, formal and informal NHS or GP consortia or relevant health providers’ consultations in relation to any proposal for a substantial development of the Health Service in St. Helens or for a substantial variation to such services.

• In undertaking this role the Panel is able to question members of the Cabinet and/or Chief Officers, and/or representatives of relevant Health bodies, including CCG representatives and the Health and Wellbeing Board regarding their decisions, performance in relation to service operations and targets.

• To contribute to Joint Health Scrutiny Committees reviewing consultations by NHS bodies or Health Service providers on cross border changes to services.

• To exercise the right following call-in to review and, where appropriate, ask for reconsideration of decisions made but not yet implemented by, the Cabinet or Council.

• To receive and have regard for Councillor Calls for Action within the remit of the Panel.

• To receive and respond to referred items from the Local Involvement Network in accordance with national regulations.

• To provide regular updates on the Panel’s work plan to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

• To produce final reports of all reviews undertaken and monitor and evaluate progress of recommendations as appropriate.

• To make representations to the Cabinet, and Council if necessary, on any issues or areas of concern arising from the overview and scrutiny process.

* Resolved that the report be noted.

Councillor Topping entered the meeting during discussion on the following item.

6 FAIRFIELD INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL QUALITY ACCOUNTS 2012/2013

A report was submitted which informed the Panel of Fairfield Independent Hospital Quality Accounts 2012/2013.

Cheryl Nolan, Chief Executive, Fairfield Independent Hospital was present to outline the report and answer questions from Members.

Members raised questions with regard to the report which were answered at the meeting and commented that it was an excellent report.

* Resolved that:

(1) the report be noted;

(2) Cheryl Nolan, Chief Executive, Fairfield Independent Hospital, be thanked for her attendance; and
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(3) a response to the Quality Accounts 2012/2013 be forwarded to Fairfield Independent Hospital.

7 NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST QUALITY ACCOUNT 2012/2013

A report was submitted on the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) NHS Trust Quality Account 2012/2013. Tim Butcher, Assistant Director for Performance Improvement was present to outline the report and answer questions from Members.

The Quality Account described how quality had been delivered and improved during 2012/2013 and set out plans for the year ahead. It was reported that 2012/2013 had been a very successful year for the Trust as they had moved through the final stages of application for Foundation Trust Status

The Panel raised questions with regard to the Quality Account and Members requested further information in relation to safeguarding, the outcome of complaints and targets for completion.

* Resolved that:

  (1) the report be noted;

  (2) Tim Butcher, Assistant Director for Performance Improvement, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust, be thanked for his attendance; and

  (3) a response to the Quality Account 2012/2013 be forwarded to the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) NHS Trust.

The following item had not been notified five clear days in advance of the meeting. However, the Chairman had agreed to the matter being considered as an item of urgent business in order to enable the matter to be progressed.

8 LIVERPOOL COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS TRUST

A report was submitted which updated the Panel on Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust.

Bernie Cuthel, Chief Executive and Craig Gradden, Medical Director, Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust, attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the Panel.

The Panel raised questions of the representatives which were answered at the meeting.

The Healthwatch St. Helens Support Manager suggested that further analysis could be undertaken of the reported 1,049 contacts at the Walk-in Centres Open Access Services in Liverpool and Sefton.

* Resolved that:

  (1) the presentation and report be noted; and

  (2) Bernie Cuthel, Chief Executive and Craig Gradden, Medical Director, Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust, be thanked for their attendance.
9  PREVIOUS SCRUTINY REVIEWS

A report was submitted which provided the Panel with an overview of the Scrutiny Reviews undertaken by the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel from 2009-2013.

- Application of Eligibility Criteria for Adult Social Care Services in St Helens, July 2009
- Burns Care Services, January 2010
- Care of People with Mental Health Issues in Times of Crisis, February 2011
- Dignity in Residential and Nursing Care Homes for Elderly People in St Helens, July 2011
- 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust: Later Life and Memory Services and Relocation of Steward Assessment Ward, February 2012
- Employment of People with Learning Disabilities, June 2012
- 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Acute Care Pathway, October 2012
- Joint Scrutiny Review with Children and Young Peoples Services Support for Young Carers, March 2013
- Empowering those who live in Retirement Villages which was currently ongoing.

*  Resolved that the report be noted.

10  SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

A verbal report was made to the Panel by the Scrutiny Manager which updated Members on the Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14.

The following potential topics had been submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 6 June 2013 for possible inclusion in the Work Programme 2013/2014 of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

- Transition from Children and Young People’s Services to Adult Social Care and Health for People in Care.
- Response to the findings of the Francis Enquiry
- A&E – Why do people feel the need to go straight to A&E?
- Integrated Care
- Health Provision for People with Learning Difficulties
- Tobacco
- Continued Work with 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- GP Commissioning

It was suggested that the potential topic of Transition from Children and Young People’s Services to Adult Social Care and Health for People in Care could be delayed to 2014.

The Panel discussed the Work Programme and delegated to the Scrutiny Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, to circulate the suggested topics to the Panel and the responses be collated and ranked and subsequently two suggested topics be submitted for inclusion in the Work Programme 2013/2014 for approval at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to be held on 18 July 2013.

*  Resolved that:

(1)  the report be noted; and
(2) the Scrutiny Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel be authorised to circulate the suggested scrutiny topics to the Panel, collate and rank the responses received and submit two topics for inclusion in the Work Programme 2013/2014 to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission meeting to be held on 18 July 2013 for approval.

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