

## **EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Scrutiny (East Staffordshire Health) Committee held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

### **Present:**

Councillors S Smith (Chairman), Mrs R Carlton, C B Jones, Mrs J Killoran, Ms A J Legg, Mrs S McGarry, Mrs S McKiernan, Mrs L Shelton and County Councillor C Wileman.

### **Officers Present:**

The Communities & Open Spaces Manager (Michael Hovers)

#### **54/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

#### **55/16 MINUTES**

##### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **56/16 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business brought to the committee pursuant to Rule 12.

#### **57/16 BURTON HOSPITAL NHS TRUST - PRESENTATION**

Helen Scott South (Chief Executive, Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and Gavin Boyle (Chief Executive, Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) attended the meeting to update Councillors on collaboration opportunities between Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Councillors noted that the proposal allowed opportunities to provide further specialist nursing.

Both hospitals were happy to work together; both Partnership Trusts already had a lot of partnership links already, including specialism and major trauma. Some patients needed to travel regardless, so the proposal would just build on this. Both organisations were facing similar challenges and were working on providing services outside hospital. From Derbyshire's point of view they would have access to the population in the Lichfield area. GPs were in agreement with the proposed changes. It will allow the opportunity to deliver direct specialist services helping to bring back spending into Staffordshire. This would create consistency in quality of offering from both hospitals. 28 different clinical discussions had taken place and out of these, 5 priorities were set, which were the subject of ongoing discussions. In addition, efficiencies were to be realised in back office functions, such as HR and finance. Benefits included: improvement in quality; keeping specialist services local; sharing good practice (i.e. renal services - Derby Hospital offered 40% renal service at home, whereas Burton offered 10% at home); opportunities for working more closely with GPs.

The proposal offered a lot of collaboration opportunities, such as giving the workforce greater opportunity to work over the 2 sites; a strengthened relationship with the University; different

ways of training nurses. The change would also allow each Hospital to think flexibly about the way in which the estate was being used, with an improved quality of offering. This matter would be discussed at the Board meeting in October 2016; a public statement would be issued in November 2016.

An opportunity for questions followed.

## **NOTED**

### **58/16 STANDING ITEM –QUEEN’S HOSPITAL AND EAST STAFFORDSHIRE CCG**

Tony Bruce (Accountable Officer, East Staffordshire CCG) and Chris Garner (Virgin Care) attended the meeting to give Councillors an update on the relocation of the GP Out of Hours Services in East Staffordshire from Cross Street Clinic to the Queen’s Hospital site, adjacent to Accident & Emergency.

Councillors noted that this would mean that the urgent care services in East Staffordshire (A&E, GP Out of Hours and, Community Rapid Response nurses) would be located together which, evidence from other areas had shown, would lead to a better patient experience and improved overall safety. It was important to note that this was a change in location only, not a change in service delivered. According to previous averages booked appointments out of hours at Cross Street, would affect 9 people each week night and 46 people each day of the weekend.

In addition the move would have a number of other benefits:

- Out of Hours doctors would be able to seek professional opinions from doctors and other staff (including community rapid response nurses) more easily and readily;
- Out of Hours staff would be able to work more closely with and consult with other specialist hospital staff (for example, Maternity, Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery and General Medicine);
- In other areas, co-location had been shown to lead to more integration between services, better clinical conversations and to a better experience for patients;
- A patient, being seen by the Out of Hours GP service, who requires more urgent treatment could be admitted into hospital services more quickly and easily, without the need for an additional journey to the hospital;
- Similarly, patients who arrive at A&E and are not in need of acute accident or emergency support can be signposted to an Out of Hours GP appointment without having to make a separate journey to the Out of Hours service;
- In addition, patients who arrive at the Out of Hours service and suddenly become severely unwell and unresponsive would be covered by the Hospital’s Crash Team callout service and they would be closer to intensive care facilities.

There are already good public transport links to the hospital including the number 3 bus via the Town Centre and Burton upon Trent railway station. The proposal was consistent with Virgin Care’s contract aims to improve patient outcomes.

The proposals would improve patient care and waiting times, ensuring patients could be seen quickly in the most appropriate place and by the more appropriate clinician to get the best outcome. It was noted that Burton Hospital Foundation Trust welcomed the change and efficiency it offered patients.

## **Resolved:**

- (1) That the Committee support the changes proposed;

(2) That the Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to attend the next meeting to give an update on the Local Delivery Plan.

59/16 **WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW UPDATES – CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND ADULT MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION**

Members received an update on the work programme.

**NOTED.**

60/16 **COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE UPDATE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SESSIONS**

Councillors received an update from the Chairman and the County Council representative.

**NOTED.**

61/16 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions received prior to the meeting for answer by the Leader, Deputy Leader or Officer of the Council.

62/16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the next meeting take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.30pm in the Coltman VC room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent.

**Chairman**