

MINUTES of the meeting of Health and Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 3 September 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Yash Gupta (Chair), Sue Gray, Charlie Key, Steve Liddiard, Richard Speight (Substitute for Councillor Mike Stone)

Apologies: Councillors Mark Coxshall, Mike Stone

In attendance: I. Evans (Co-opted Member)
D. Sarkar – Basildon and Thurrock Hospital
C. Skinner – Basildon and Thurrock Hospital
W. Guy – Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group
Mr J. Brown – Vascular Services
Dr C. Macleod – NHS
Dr A. Atherton – Director of Public Health
L. Billingham – Adult Social Care
A. Hall – Commissioning
Dr P. Hall – NHS England

14. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 10, Review of Non Residential Adult Social Care Charges – add the following wording to the resolution “and a Task and Finish Group to review this item be approved”

15. URGENT BUSINESS

Members were updated on the latest situation with regard to non-residential care charges. The following were tabled at the meeting:-

- (a) Minutes of the meeting of Non-Residential Care Charges Working Group – 30 July 2013

The minutes were noted.

- (b) Notes of visit to Pendant Alarm/Telecare User and Telecare Control Centre in Harty Close – 20 August 2013

The minutes were noted.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gupta declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue that he was a carer.

**17. BASILDON AND THURROCK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
PRIORITISED ACTION PLAN**

The Chair welcomed Diane Sarkar and Celia Skinner to the meeting.

They proceeded to address the Committee with regard to the key actions outlined in the plan, in terms of progress of the hospital following the Keogh Review.

Members asked for further clarification regarding mortality reduction.

Celia Skinner replied that there had previously been an excessive death rate and it was vital to ensure that the Hospital was within the expected rate. In terms of Crude mortality against discharge, 2% was seen to be generally acceptable.

Over the past 3 months, this rate had been reduced to 1.5%, around 90 deaths per month. This was greater than any other reduction over the past 3 years.

This could be attributed to several factors, including increased doctors in Accident and Emergency and acute care and additional junior doctors.

A substantial amount of work had also been carried out in terms of how information was collected and reviews by consultants in charge.

Finally, Members asked if action for the past 3 months was up to date. It was confirmed that this was the case.

The Chair thanked Diane Sarkar and Celia Skinner for their detailed update and wished them well with future progress.

RESOLVED that the Action Plan be noted.

**18. STROKE SERVICES DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – SEPTEMBER
2013**

William Guy, Head of Commissioning, informed Members that the purpose of this report, was to update the Committee of the process of development of stroke services in Essex and in particular, the proposed reconfiguration of Hyper Acute Stroke Units to a three centre model in Essex (Colchester, Broomfield and Southend Hospital).

This update was provided ahead of the presenting of the formal business case to both the HOSC and Health and Well Being Board during the formal consultation period that would now run from November 2013 for three months

William Guy also introduced Mr James Brown, who provided an update on the development of Vascular Services Reconfiguration (being led by NHS England) and detailed an overview of recommendations and next steps with the development.

Members raised concerns about the impact of increased ambulance travelling times and asked about timescales in relation to the East of England Ambulance Review.

William Guy replied that all of the information from the Ambulance Service was being looked at and analysed and he also confirmed the timescales in relation to the review.

Members also asked about the current situation regarding there only being one model presented for consideration and if this would be the only model for consultation.

Members were informed that this issue was being discussed by the Essex wide stroke board at the moment.

Some concerns were also expressed about this being a 'done deal'.

William Guy replied that this was not the case, as the process was subject to extensive consultation.

There was also some concern that the consultation process covered the Christmas period and it was noted that consultation would probably be extended by two weeks to take account of this.

Some views were expressed that the services should stay in Basildon and this was the view clearly expressed by a stakeholder meeting that was held in support of Thurrock Healthwatch.

Mr James Brown explained that he looked after veins and arteries and detailed the link with the stroke review, whilst outlining the clinical rationale for co-location of the two services at Southend.

Members asked if the consultation on Vascular Services was separate from Stroke Services.

It was confirmed that the Vascular Services consultation was commissioned by NHS England. However, an assurance was given that there would be close liaison between the two reviews.

Members asked when the final decision on Vascular Services would be taken and were concerned that all the consultation had already been carried out, whilst Stroke Services consultation was still ongoing.

William Guy acknowledged that the point regarding the different timescales for consultation needed to be addressed and gave an assurance that this would be raised at the Stroke Board to enable an objective approach to be formed.

The Chair thanked William Guy and Mr James Brown for their presentations.

Councillor Key asked for it to be noted that he would have to be excused from the meeting at 8.30pm.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

19. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION UPDATE

Dr Pam Hall informed Members that this report provided an update on the current issues relating to vaccination programmes for the Thurrock population including:

- New arrangements for commissioning vaccination programme;
- MMR vaccination catch-up campaign;
- Changes to routine vaccination schedule;
- Vaccination Uptake.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and further updates be submitted, as appropriate.

20. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that the work programme be noted subject to

- (a) the following reports being submitted to the October meeting:**

**Annual Public Health Report;
Adult Social Care Performance Report;
Merging of Tilbury GP Surgeries;
Meals on Wheels.**

- (b) Black Mould in Housing Stock being referred to the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.**

- (c) East of England Ambulance Service being deferred to a later meeting.**

The meeting finished at 8.33pm.

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIRMAN

DATE

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