



Notice of meeting of

Health Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillors Fraser (Chair), Alexander, Ayre (Vice-Chair), Douglas, Moore, Sunderland and Wiseman

Date: Monday, 7 July 2008

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

1. **Declarations of Interest** (Pages 3 - 4)
At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda. A list of general personal interests previously declared are attached.
2. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)
To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 16 June 2008.
3. **Public Participation**
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4. **Update on Dental Services** (Pages 9 - 12)
This report provides Members with an update on the provision of NHS dental services in York.

5. Dementia Review – Scoping Report (Pages 13 - 16)

This scoping report gives details of the dementia review which will look at the experience of older people with mental health problems (and their families/carers) who access general health services for secondary care in order to identify where improvements may be required.

[A copy of the Health Scrutiny Committee’s workplan for 2008 is attached for members information].

6. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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- Review existing policies and assist in the development of new ones, as necessary; and
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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda item I: Declarations of interest.

Please state any amendments you have to your declarations of interest:

Councillor Fraser – Governor of York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and as
a member of the retired section of Unison;

Councillor Wiseman - Governor of York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Moore – as his wife works in the Health Service

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	16 JUNE 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS FRASER (CHAIR), ALEXANDER, AYRE, MOORE, WISEMAN AND SIMPSON-LAING (SUBSTITUTE)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS DOUGLAS AND SUNDERLAND
IN ATTENDANCE	GRAHAM PURDY – NYYPCT KEVIN CLARK - NYYPCT PENNY GOFF – HEAD OF PATIENT EXPERIENCE BILL HODSON – CYC NIGEL BURCHELL – CYC ADAM GREY - CYC JOHN YATES – OLDER PEOPLE’S ASSEMBLY JACK ARCHER – OLDER PEOPLE’S ASSEMBLY

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

No interests were declared further to the standing personal, non prejudicial interests declared at previous meetings and circulated with the agenda.

2. MINUTES

With reference to Resolution (iv) under Minute 39 (Work Planning for Health Scrutiny 2008), Officers confirmed that it was intended to bring the report by Graham Purdey on the prevention of falls to the Committee in September. The Chair suggested that this be considered initially at an informal meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council’s Public Participation Scheme.

4. UPDATE ON ESTABLISHING A LINK 2008/09

Members received a report which provided an update on progress towards the establishment of a Local Involvement Network (LINK) in York.

Members were reminded of the background to LINKs, the independent, formally constituted bodies that had replaced the Patient and Public Involvement forums previously attached to all NHS trusts. Government legislation required local authorities to commission a Host organisation to enable, support and facilitate their local LINK. Following a tendering exercise, North Bank Forum (NBF) for Voluntary Organisations had been awarded a three-year contract as York's Host, commencing on 1 April 2008. NBF had now produced an action plan, attached as Annex A to the report. The priority in year one was to establish the LINK body and to start to identify a work programme for years two and three. The first meeting of the LINK Steering Group had taken place the previous week. Premises for the LINK had been established and it was expected to have a newsletter and a web presence in place by the end of June.

Members were asked whether they wished to hold a facilitated workshop with the NBF, to explore in more detail the operation of the LINK and how it fitted with the work of the Scrutiny Committee. Funding for the use of the Centre For Public Scrutiny (CFPS) facilitator had now expired but funds received by the Council to enable, support and facilitate the LINK could be accessed for this purpose. Members agreed that it was necessary to clarify these operational matters, to enable the Committee to communicate with the LINK and ensure that work was not duplicated.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That an introductory session with NBF be included on the agenda for the forthcoming proposed half-day training session for the Committee.
- (iii) That investigations be made into organising an NBF facilitated workshop for Members.¹
- (iv) That a report be brought back to a future meeting outlining the detailed working relationship between LINKs, NBF and this Committee.²

REASON: In order to keep the Committee informed of the development and work of LINKs.

Action Required

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| 1. Look into organising workshop. | GR |
| 2. Schedule report for a future meeting. | GR |

5. WORK PLANNING FOR HEALTH SCRUTINY 2008

Members considered a report which asked them to confirm the Committee's work programme for the remainder of 2008, with reference to the work plan previously considered at the meeting on 31 March 2008.

The previous work plan was attached as Annex A to the report. Members were also invited to consider whether they wished to proceed with a review of one of the two potential topics considered at previous meetings; namely, mental health provision (specifically dementia care) or musculo-skeletal pathways. A suggested remit for a review of dementia care was circulated at the meeting. This, amended to incorporate the alteration requested by Members as indicated in Resolution (i) below), has been attached to the on-line agenda for this meeting, as Annex B to the report. With regard to musculo-skeletal pathways, Members were reminded of the work already being carried out by the PCT and Dr Lethem on the falls programme, as reported to the last meeting of the Committee.

Members went on to discuss both the formal work plan and topics agreed for discussion at an informal half day session, to be held before the next formal meeting of the Committee on 7 July. The Chair suggested that, as the 60th Anniversary of the NHS fell on 5 July, the formal meeting should include a small celebration to mark this event.

RESOLVED: (i) That the proposed dementia care topic be agreed for review by this Committee and that the draft remit circulated at the meeting be approved with the following amendment:

- removal of the word ‘always’ from the first key objective.¹

(ii) That the work plan at Annex A be amended to include this review and receipt of a report from the PCT on falls prevention in September.²

(iii) That the informal training session be held on 27 June 2008, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, subject to confirmation by the Scrutiny Officer after consultation with absent Members and with other parties who will be invited to attend.³

(iv) That the following topics be included on the agenda for the informal session:⁴

- An introduction to Health Scrutiny Committee (presentation slides to be circulated in advance)
- Presentations to the Committee on structure and governance within NHS areas
- An introductory session from NBF on LINKs
- An update on Practice Based Commissioning (PBC)
- Presentations on work being carried out by the PCT and Dr Lethem on the prevention of falls.

REASON: To enable Members to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

Action Required

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| 1. Amend remit | GR |
| 2. Amend work plan | GR |
| 3. Arrange training session after consultation | GR |

4. Include topics on agenda for informal session

GR

S FRASER, Chair

[The meeting started at 3.30 pm and finished at 4.40 pm].



Health Scrutiny Committee

7 July 2008

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Update on Dental Services

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the provision of NHS dental services in York.

Background

2. During 2006/07 the Health Scrutiny Committee received regular updates on the numbers of people on the waiting list for allocation to an NHS dentist in York and the numbers who had been allocated since the last update.
3. There were also concerns from Members about allegations that some dental practices had been forced to cease offering treatment as they had used up their agreed units of dental activity before the end of the financial year.
4. Members had agreed to keep a watching brief on the numbers of allocations to dental practices and also to ask for an update on the situation regarding the use of units of dental activity and how this can affect patients.
5. At a meeting on 3 December 2007 Members requested the following information be included in future updates:
 - Information from the Office of National Statistics on numbers of people who did not see a dentist at all.
 - How long patients waited to be allocated an NHS dentist and how much additional capacity was being created as opposed to additional capacity being made available when patients moved on.
 - A report back on progress with commissioning a Sunday morning emergency dental clinic.

Consultation

6. This report is part of the ongoing consultation between Members and the various Health Trusts.
7. The Scrutiny Officer has been in regular contact with the Assistant Director; Corporate and Public Affairs at the Primary Care Trust and can now inform Members that Amanda Brown (Assistant Director of Commissioning and Service Development (PCT) will be attending the meeting to give Members an update on the provision of NHS Dental Services in York. This will cover current arrangements on the allocation of NHS dental provision; access and activity on the use of emergency dental services; future commissioning plans to meet existing and known need and progress on establishing new NHS provision.
8. Across the whole of the PCT area, the York and Selby areas remain as areas with comparatively long waiting times for NHS dental allocations for people registered with the PCT awaiting NHS dental care. There are a number of factors contributing to this, details of these will be outlined by Amanda Brown at the meeting.

Options

9. Members may wish to consider whether they should continue to receive future updates on Dental Services in York. If so, arrangements will need to be made for them to be included in the work plan.

Analysis

10. Although receiving regular updates is invaluable in keeping Members informed of progress regarding developments in dental services, Members may wish to consider whether this will have an impact on other work scheduled on the current work plan.

Corporate Priorities

11. This report relates to the following corporate priority:

‘Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest.’

Implications

12. **Financial** - There are no known financial implications associated with this report.
13. **Human Resources** – There are no known Human Resources implications associated with this report.

14. There are no Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property or other implications associated with this report.

Risk Management

15. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no known risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

16. Members are asked to
- i. Note the report and the update from the PCT.
 - ii. Decide whether they would like to receive further updates on Dental Services in York.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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Report Approved



Date 25.06.2008

Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

None

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Health Scrutiny Committee**7 July 2008****Dementia Review – Scoping Report****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report outlines the above review to look at the experience of older people with mental health problems (and their families/carers) who access general health services for secondary care in order to identify where improvements may be required.

Background

2. At a meeting on 31 March 2008 Members agreed that further scoping work should be carried out in relation to dementia care, particularly in relation to older people with dementia who access secondary care at York Hospital.
3. At a meeting on 16 June 2008 Members agreed to hold a review on the above topic and the following remit was agreed:

Aim

4. To look at the experience of older people with mental health problems (and their families/carers) who access general health services for secondary care in order to identify where improvements may be required.

Key Objectives

- i. Where patients with mental health conditions access general, secondary health services, investigate whether their mental health problems are recognised and whether the connection is made between them and the required treatment.
- ii. To identify ways in which healthcare professionals may assist patients with mental health conditions to overcome the barriers they face when accessing secondary care.
- iii. To investigate ways of improving the safety of patients with mental health conditions and the secondary healthcare providers who have contact with them.
- iv. To develop initiatives for improving the experiences of mental health patients using general, secondary health care and their families/carers.

5. In an effort to keep the review focused it is suggested that the majority of the evidence be gathered at a one day informal session. It is envisaged that the review will take between 3 and 6 months to complete.

Consultation

6. It is suggested that an informal 'evidence gathering session' be held on 1st September 2008 and that the following people be invited to attend to give evidence and present their experiences and views in relation to the barriers faced for older people with mental health problems accessing secondary care:

Service Providers

Primary Care Trust (PCT)
 Acute Trust
 Adult Social Services at City of York Council

Voluntary Organisations

Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS)
 Patient & Public Involvement Forum representative
 Older People's Assembly
 Age Concern
 Alzheimer's Society
 MIND
 Older Citizens Advocacy York (OCAY)

7. The above list is not exhaustive and Members may wish to add to it. In addition it is proposed that the Scrutiny Officer contact the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) to investigate whether other voluntary organisations might be interested in contributing to the 'evidence gathering session'.
8. The Committee may wish to give consideration to canvassing views from patients and carers. This could take the form of an informal visit to York Hospital and/or to one of the Community Units for the Elderly.
9. The information gathered at the informal 'evidence gathering session' will be detailed in an interim report to the Committee at the meeting scheduled for 22nd September 2008.

Timetable For Review

10. The following timetable for the review is proposed:

7 th July 2008	Scoping Report
1 st September 2008	Informal meeting to gather evidence and hear witnesses
22 nd September 2008	Interim report
6 th October 2008	Draft final report

3 rd November 2008	Consider final report prior to its consideration by SMC
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Options

11. As well as agreeing or amending the above timetable, Members have the option of co-opting a 'specialist' to the committee for the duration of this review. At the time of writing no name had been put forward; but we are waiting on feedback from the Director of Housing and Adult Social Services.

Implications

12. Financial – there are no known financial implications associated with this report.
13. Human Resources (HR) – there are no known HR implications associated with this report although Members of the Committee should be mindful of the time constraints of the PCT, Acute Trust and Voluntary Organisations that they consult.
14. There are no known Equalities, Legal or other implications in respect of this review.

Corporate Priorities

15. This review relates to the following corporate priority:

'Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest.'

Risk Management

16. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations of this report other than the focus of the review and the progress of the Health Scrutiny Committee work plan would be adversely affected if the review did not keep within the agreed timescale.

Recommendations

17. It is recommended that Members consider and agree:
 - i. The proposed timescale and timetable for the review
 - ii. The proposed consultation method as suggested in paragraphs 6-9 of this report.
 - iii. Whether they wish to co-opt a 'specialist' member to the committee for the duration of the review.

Reason: To ensure compliance with scrutiny procedures, protocols and workplans.

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**Scoping Report
Approved**

Date 24.06.2008

Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

For further information please contact the author of the report

All

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

None

Health Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2008

Work Area	Tasks	Timeframe	Responsible Officer
LINKs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive an update on establishing LINK and agree whether to hold a facilitated workshop • Participate in training and events in connection with the development of the LINK in conjunction with Host (North Bank Forum) • Receive regular updates from Trusts 	<p>June</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Nigel Burchell / Scrutiny Officer (as appropriate)
Dental Provision In York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive regular update from PCT 	June / July	
Falls Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Fall Prevention from PCT 	September 2008	Scrutiny Officer
LINKs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back with a detailed working relationship between LINKs, NBF & the Health Scrutiny Committee 		Nigel Burchell
Annual Healthcheck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin preparations for 2008/09 Annual Healthcheck 	December 2008	
Current Scrutiny Review (A review on dementia and secondary care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree topic for scrutiny review and a remit • Receive scoping report • Receive interim report • Receive draft final report • Consider final report prior to its consideration by SMC 	<p>June</p> <p>July</p> <p>September</p> <p>October</p> <p>November</p>	S.O. together with appropriate officers in Directorates

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