

HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 April 2014

PRESENT – Councillor Newall (in the Chair); Councillors Crichlow, Macnab, Nutt, E A Richmond, S Richmond, H Scott and J Taylor. (8)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Donoghue and Regan. (2)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors V Copeland, Adult Social Care and Housing Portfolio Holder and A Scott, Health and Partnerships Portfolio Holder. (2)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Miriam Davidson, Locality Director of Public Health, Sharon Raine, Head of Organisational Planning, Duncan Clark, Interim Assistant Director, Commissioning, Peter Roberts, Consultant – Sustainable Community Strategy and Karen Graves, Democratic Officer.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES - Edmund Lovell, Associate Director of Marketing and Communications, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT); Martin Phillips, Chief Officer, Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); Ian Groves, Healthwatch Darlington; and Sarah Callaghan, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV).

HP58. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Scrutiny Committee held on 18 February and 12 March 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as correct records.

HP59. MATTERS ARISING – There were no matters arising.

HP60. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY – The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) which presented a working draft of a revised Sustainable Community Strategy.

Members have already commented on an updated version of the One Darlington: Perfectly Placed vision in advance of the preparation of the revised Sustainable Community Strategy document (Minute P42/Feb/14 refers).

The draft document incorporated the Vision on a Page and explained the context in which the plan had been prepared. It also described the three conditions which had been identified to enable Darlington to be able to deliver the priority outcomes with the limited resources likely to be available – Build Strong Communities, Spend Every Pound Wisely and Grow the Economy and provided the headlines underpinning each outcome.

It was stated that the document was a working draft with further development and refinement being undertaken before final approval by Council in May 2014. The document was a working draft to enable Members of the Committee to contribute to its development in the areas of specific interest to this Scrutiny Committee.

The Consultant – Sustainable Community Strategy advised Members that the role and priorities of the Local Strategic Partnership were now within the Strategy.

In relation to the eight outcomes within the Strategy, it was highlighted that there was a need to map out the connection between the outcomes and the work programmes of the Local Strategic Partnership who all contribute to the delivery of the outcomes through the work programmes they put in place.

Discussion ensued on the outcomes for ‘more people healthy and independent’ and ‘more people active and involved’ and Members were keen to highlight that Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee was strong at pulling together performance around delivery and had excellent partnership working relationships.

It was suggested that poverty be given a more definitive denotation as it would have a different sense in 10 years’ time and Scrutiny were keen to tackle the cause of the problems and not the symptoms in order to achieve the outcomes of the SCS.

RESOLVED – (a) That the working draft of the revised Sustainable Community Strategy be noted.

(b) That Members of this Scrutiny Committee continue to contribute to the on-going development of the document.

HP61. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND POSSIBLE LINKS WITH FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME – The Head of Organisational Planning gave a presentation on the Performance Management Framework which is currently being developed and outlined how it linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

It was reported that the Performance Management Framework would assist Members in developing their work programmes over the next Municipal Year thereby ensuring that work undertaken will reflect the strategic aims of the Council.

Work was currently being undertaken on the high level indicators which have been devised as a set of key indicators to measure performance. The high level indicators are strategic indicators which include all the Partners and will be used to assess the outcomes of the Strategy.

Members received an overview of the eight strategic outcomes and the indicators which sit alongside each outcome and gave particular attention to the outcome for this Scrutiny Committee for ‘more people healthy and independent’ and ‘more people active and involved’ and gave their views thereon. Scrutiny will continue to contribute to the on-going development of the document.

Discussion ensued on Partnership working, Scrutiny involvement in the Health Agenda; the needs to ensure more services were available for veterans and examining mental health issues.

RESOLVED – (a) That the Head of Organisational be thanked for her interesting and informative presentation.

(b) That Scrutiny Committee continue to contribute to the on-going development of the document.

HP62. WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14 – The Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the current Municipal Year. In addition to the previously approved Work Programme, Members were requested to consider and approve Appendix 1 to the submitted report, which detailed that status of each item.

It was emphasised that the work programme was a rolling programme and any Member of this Scrutiny could request an item to be included provided that a Quad of Aims had been submitted to the Scrutiny Committee prior to ensure that it contributed to the strategic aims of the Council.

The submitted report outlined the original Work Programme and requested Members to reconsider the Work Programme to accommodate further issues that need to be included.

The Chair advised Scrutiny that in relation to Access to GP Appointments a further meeting needed to be arranged especially in light of the announcement of recent funding allocation. It was also reported that the Chair had recently attended a meeting of the Trusts Patient Experience Task Group where it was determined that many patient questionnaires were presently in circulation. It was suggested that once all Surveys have been completed this Committee look at the gaps and formulate a survey around that criteria.

Discussion ensued on the progress in relation to the Alcohol Task and Finish Review Group, consultation on the Dementia Strategy and a joint meeting with Adults and Housing Scrutiny in relation to medication in care homes.

Further information was requested on healthy eating and sight loss for which it was suggested a special meeting be arranged.

A member questioned the date a decision was expected on the Friarage Hospital.

RESOLVED – (a) That the current status of the Work Programme be noted.

(b) That the Work Programme be updated to reflect the decisions of this Scrutiny Committee.

HP63. DARLINGTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP – TWO YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN – Martin Phillips, Chief Officer, Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CCG's two year plan and commissioning priorities.

Scrutiny were advised that the Everyone Counts : Planning for Patients 2014/15 to 2018/19 document set out the need for bold and ambitious five year strategic plans from NHS commissioners and described an approach to deliver transformational change with the first critical steps over the next two years, to achieve the continued

ambition to secure sustainable high quality care for all, now and for future generations.

Particular reference was made to the rising demands on health care and the challenges facing commissioners and providers and it was highlighted that the gap of £30bn between 2013/14 and 2020/21 would have a detrimental effect on providing high quality health care.

Discussion ensued on the priorities of urgent care, planned care, the frail and elderly, securing quality and seven day working, long term conditions and mental health and well-being.

RESOLVED – That the thanks of this Committee be extended to Mr Phillips for his informative presentation.

HP64. COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST OPERATIONAL PLAN – Mr Edmund Lovell of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust (CDDFT) gave a PowerPoint presentation to Scrutiny regarding its two year plan and commissioning priorities and in doing so were advised that the CCG and CDDFT plans were to be more aligned in future.

Scrutiny Committee was advised of the Trust Planning Process and the staff and stakeholder feedback that had been received.

Particular reference was made to the Strategic Breakthroughs in relation to integration and care closer to home, transforming unscheduled care and centres of excellence.

Members were pleased to learn that strengthening communities was integral to the Plan and that it was important to ensure difficult areas were managed and addressed robustly. Special units were to be provided and consultants needed to be on board for 24/7 working arrangements. It was stressed that many services could be provided out of hospital and it was imperative that patients' quality of care and safety were paramount.

With regards to discharge management Scrutiny were advised that it was a complex issue and work was currently on-going to improve the experience.

Scrutiny was also advised the 3 to 5 Year Operational Plan could be brought to a future meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED – (a) That the thanks of this Committee be extended to Mr Edmund Lovell for his informative presentation.

(b) That the 3 to 5 Year Operational Plan be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

HP65. QUALITY ACCOUNTS – PROGRESS REPORT – The Director Neighbourhood Services and Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) advising Members of the recent Stakeholder event and meeting in respect of the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Quality Accounts.

The submitted report advised Members that it had been agreed that the Scrutiny Committee would be more involved, at an early stage, with local Foundation Trusts Quality Accounts to enable it to have a better understanding and knowledge of performance when asked to submit a commentary on the Quality Accounts at the end of the Municipal Year 2013/14.

Scrutiny Committee have committed to attending the Stakeholder events hosted by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT) and established Working Groups with members of Healthwatch Darlington to receive six monthly performance reports from both Trusts.

Particular reference was made to the information gathered which Committee were asked to note in preparation for its response to the Quality Accounts in April/May 2014.

RESOLVED – That the notes of the meeting held on 17 February 2014 in respect of Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust be noted.

HP66. HEALTHWATCH CONSULTATION TASK AND FINISH REVIEW GROUP – Submitted – The notes of the meeting of the Healthwatch Consultation Task and Finish Review Group held on 27 February 2014 which gave consideration to the Healthwatch England document, The Way Forward.

Mr I Groves, Healthwatch representative, advised Scrutiny that Healthwatch were very proud of their achievements and praised Council Officers for their help and assistance.

RESOLVED – (a) That the thanks of this Scrutiny Committee be conveyed to the Council Officers for their assistance to Healthwatch.

(b) That the notes be approved and submitted as this Committee's response to the consultation.