

HEALTH COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP UPDATE AND MEMBERSHIP

To: **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **15th December 2016**

From

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Not applicable**

Purpose: **To inform the Committee of the activities and progress of the Committee's working groups since the last Committee meeting.**

Recommendation: **The Health Committee is asked to:**

- 1) Note and endorse the progress made on health scrutiny through the liaison groups and the schedule of liaison meetings**
- 2) Note the update from the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – Collaboration of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital with Peterborough & Stamford Hospital.**
- 3) To authorise the Joint Committee to comment on behalf of the Health Committee on the mobilisation and implementation phases of any merger plans that the Trust Boards approve**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the health scrutiny activities that have been undertaken or planned since the committee last discussed this at the meeting held on 8th September 2016.
- 1.2 This report updates the committee on the joint liaison meeting with Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Cambridgeshire Healthwatch, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Foundation Trust (CPFT).
- 1.3 Liaison group meetings are precursors to formal scrutiny working groups. The purpose of a liaison group is to determine any organisational issues, consultations, strategy or policy developments that are relevant for the Health Committee to consider under their scrutiny function. It also provides the organisation with forward notice of areas that Health Committee members may want further information on or areas that may become part of a formal scrutiny.
- 1.4 Liaison visits with Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUHFT) and Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust have been rescheduled.
- 1.5 This report will also update the Health Committee on the outcomes of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Cambs County Council and Peterborough City Council) of the proposed merger of Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust with Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

2. MAIN ISSUES

2.1 Liaison meeting with Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Foundation Trust (CPFT)

- 2.1.1 The liaison group members in attendance were Councillors; Clapp, Jenkins, Orgee and Sales. A meeting was held on 13th September 2016 with Aidan Thomas, Chief Executive of CPFT.

- 2.1.2 The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

- Attendance at the Public Accounts Committee on 14th September (Re: UnitingCare contract)
- Financial position updates
- Update on Integrated Care Services – trying to implement part of UnitingCare model but at a slower pace.
- Primary Care based MH services (PRISM) timetable for implementation
- Mental Health Vanguard update

The following actions were agreed:

- CPFT to send Judge Business School independent review to Health Committee when it is published.

- Updates on Integrated Care Services scheduled for next liaison meeting.

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 14th December 2016.

2.2 Liaison Meeting with Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group & Healthwatch Cambridgeshire.

2.2.1 The liaison group members in attendance were Councillors Clapp and Jenkins, and District Councillor Ellington. A meeting was held on 20th October with Jessica Bawden (Director of Corporate Affairs) from the CCG and Sandie Smith (CEO) of Healthwatch Cambridge. Apologies were received from Councillors Orgee and Sales, and from Val Moore of Healthwatch.

2.1.2 The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

- Sustainability and Transformation Plan
- Minor Injury Unit Update
- CCG Financial Position

2.2. Healthwatch Cambridgeshire Updates

Sandie Smith reported on

- Proposed Merger of Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust with Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Healthwatch notified members of a public meeting they were hosting which would have a debate format scheduled for 7th November.

<http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/news/healthwatch-wants-patient-involvement-heart-plans-future-hinchingsbrooke>

- “Sitting Comfortably” - Wheelchair users’ report

<http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/news/healthwatch-calls-improvements-local-wheelchair-services>

- Children’s Work – working to support the Child and Mental Health Services redesign by targeting schools around emotional health and wellbeing.

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 26th January 2017.

2.3 Liaison meeting with Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUHFT).

Meeting postponed in October. The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 2nd December 2016.

2.4 Liaison meeting with Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust.

Meeting postponed in October due to the Joint Health Scrutiny meetings that took place in October and November (see section 3). The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 18th January 2017.

3 JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – MERGER OF HINCHINGBROOKE HEALTH CARE TRUST (HHCT) WITH PETERBOROUGH & STAMFORD FOUNDATION TRUST (PSHFT)

- 3.1 The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council have held two meetings with the Chief Executive Officers from both HHCT & PSHFT on 17th October and 9th November 2016. The first meeting focused on clarity regarding the proposals in relation to both the financial and clinical sustainability business cases. The second meeting called representatives from KMPG and Loretto who had been commissioned by the hospital trusts to provide them with a financial overview for the full business case and outline of the Information Technology Clinical System upgrades that any merger would require.

Minutes of these meetings are available on:

https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccc_live/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/37/Default.aspx

- 3.2 The Joint committee concluded to support the proposed merger subject to a number of recommendations that are outlined below. If the Hospital Trust Boards agree to proceed with merger plans at their November Board meetings, the Joint Health Scrutiny committee agreed to continue to scrutinise any merger proposals during the implementation phase.

The Joint Committee responded to the public engagement exercise, raising the following issues

1. the Committee stressed that it was important that local concerns be taken into account at all stages of the process. It recognises the engagement that has taken place already and encourages the two Trusts to continue in this manner;
2. the Committee agreed to reiterate the following commitment as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding: Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Health and Care system which is a Partnership for implementing the Sustainability & Transformation Plan:

“People first: solutions that best meet the needs of today and tomorrow’s local residents and health care users must be the guiding principle on which decisions are made. This principle must over-ride individual or organisational self-interest. Embedding the voice and views of service users in service improvement will be key to ensuring this principle is not forgotten”

If the two Hospital Trusts Boards agree to continue with the merger proposals which will be decided at their board meetings later this month the Committee has responded with the following considerations

3. the Committee recommended that not only the Council of Governors of the merged Foundation Trust include members from Huntingdonshire, as set out in the Full Business Case, but that the merged Trust Board also include Non-Executive Directors appointed from the former Hinchingsbrooke catchment area;
4. the Committee is especially concerned that the merger is not initiated prematurely and that due and visible attention be given to relevant indicators at the decision point and during the merger process;
5. the Committee would continue its scrutiny into the implementation phase of the project, as the work of the next six months would be vital to the success of the merged trust. Meetings in 3 and 6 months' time would seem to be appropriate;
6. the Committee recommended that local scrutiny arrangements are maintained e.g. Cambridgeshire County Council will continue with their liaison meetings with Hinchingsbrooke Health Care Trust and will continuously monitor the progress of the merger at these meetings;

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

Working group activities will involve staff resources in both the Council and in the NHS organisations that are subject to scrutiny.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

These are outlined in a paper on the Health Committee powers and duties, which was considered by the Committee on 29th May 2014

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are likely to be equality and diversity issues to be considered within the remit of the working groups.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are likely to be engagement and consultation issues to be considered within the remit of the working groups.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There may be relevant issues arising from the activities of the working groups.

4.6 Public Health Implications

Working groups will report back on any public health implications identified.