

HEALTH COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP Q3 UPDATE

To: **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **19th March 2020**

From **Head of Public Health Business Programmes**

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 update.**

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

- 1) Note the content of the quarterly liaison groups and consider recommendations that may need to be included on the forward agenda plan; and**
- 2) Note the forthcoming schedule of meetings**

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1.0 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 17th October 2019.
- 1.2 This report updates the Committee on the liaison meetings with health commissioners and providers. Due to purdah liaison meetings were cancelled during the end of quarter 2. The report covers Quarter 3 (2019-20) liaison meetings with:
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) & Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Healthwatch (**Pending at time of report**)
 - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Foundation Trust (CPFT)
 - Cambridgeshire University Hospital NHS Trust (CUH)
 - North West Anglia Foundation Trust (NWAFT)
- 1.3 Liaison group meetings are precursors to formal scrutiny and/ or 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 its 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.

2. MAIN ISSUES

2.1 Liaison Meeting with HealthWatch Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

A meeting was held on 20th February with Jan Thomas (COO) and Sarah Learney (Programme Director) from the CCG, Val Moore (Chair) and Sandie Smith (CEO) from Healthwatch Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

The liaison group members in attendance were Councillors Harford, Jones & van de Ven.

2.1.1 A range of topics were raised by members and included the following:

- New GP contract
- Protocols to support people living at home
- Cross boarder provision for commissioned services i.e. patients registered with a GP from Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG footprint but live in another area.
- Out of Hours Services at Doddington Hospital (also see below for Urgent Care)

2.1.2 The CCG and HealthWatch raised the following topics:

- Feedback from the CCG's Big Conversation engagement exercise
- CCGs Urgent and Emergency Care Collaborative developments
- Healthwatch concerns following their report on NHS Dental provision in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

2.1.3 Recommendations

- Feedback from the CCG's Big Conversation is to be brought to the March Health Committee meeting.
- Urgent and Emergency Care Collaborative to be discussed at the March Health Committee meeting including an update on the Minor Injury Units and Out of Hours services at Doddington Hospital.
- Health Committee to consider requesting an update from NHS England/ Improvement on progress and recommendations in Healthwatch's report.

2.1.4 The next liaison meeting is scheduled Wednesday 27th May 2020

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

A meeting was held on 31st January with Tracy Dowling (CEO) and John Martin (Interim Director of Operations)

The liaison group members in attendance were Councillors Harford and van de Ven and District Councillor Harvey. Apologies were received from Cllr Hudson.

2.2.1 A range of topics were raised by members and included the following:

- Special education needs provision project development was discussed and members flagged the potential for CPFT involvement
- Cross boarder issues were raised where patients may be Cambridgeshire residents but their GP is within Bedfordshire CCG. Tracy Dowling explained that CPFT have associate contracts in place with residents of Beds, Herts & Norfolk prior approval is required for other counties.
- Perinatal Mental Health provision was discussed.

2.2.2 CPFT raised the following areas:

- Overview of the new care models for eating disorders. NHS England are devolving responsibility of commissioning to service providers. CPFT have formed part of the East of England collaborative.
- Update on the Eating Disorders Services and the developing ambition to create a center of excellence. Outcomes from the coroner inquests were discussed.

- Community Health Exemplar Project – CPFT are in receipt of £1.8 million funding from NHS England for an innovation project that will focus on extending the PRISM service in Peterborough.
- CQC Report – inspections are now annual and CPFT received an overall rating of good.
- Children’s Hospital Update was discussed along with the phased implementation

2.2.3 Recommendations

- Following a briefing requested by Cllr Hudson on perinatal mental health provision, CPFT suggested the next meeting could include a visit to the perinatal services.
- Health committee to consider receiving an update report on the developments around the CPFT services moving to the Children’s Hospital

2.2.4 The next liaison meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 15th April 2020.

2.3 Liaison meeting with North West Anglia Foundation Trust (NWAFT)

A meeting was held on 4th February 2020 with Caroline Walker (CEO) and Dr. Kanchan Rege (Medical Director).

The liaison group members in attendance were Cllr Connor, Harford and Sanderson and District Councilor Tavener. Apologies were received from Cllr Hudson.

2.3.1 A range of topics were raised by members and included the following:

- Update on NWAFT’s improvement plan from CQC inspection on 20th December 2019. The Trust maintains an overall rating of requires improvement. For a multi-site trust it can be difficult to recover quickly as Hinchingsbrooke Hospital site was only inspected on the children’s services and CQC may not return to inspect this hospital until July 2020/21
- Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Site Development – As previously reported on the Trust are in receipt of £25 million transitional funding. Spending on Phase 1 – focusing on the Emergency Department expansion will start in April 2020 with the intention to expand the capacity for Winter 2020/21.
- Congestion and transport issues around Hinchingsbrooke Hospital site as a result of the A14 development site were discussed. Councilors agreed to discuss this further with NWAFT’s Estates Director.
- Patient Admission Service – problems with delays in appointments have been reported due to the introduction of the electronic patient record. Training and procedural changes were underway to rectify the problems generated from this transition.

- Staffing Issues and Brexit – The trust has encouraged all staff to get their certificate of settlement and supporting those that are applying.

2.3.2 NWAFT raised the following issues:

- Winter Pressures – NWAFT have experienced pressure since early December 2019. They have had good infection control procedures for isolating flu and norovirus and haven't had to shut any wards.
- Clinical Strategy – Three years on from the merger of clinical teams across the hospital sites. The trust had a peer review and had positive feedback on common policies, nurse led clinics and protocols.
- Going Digital – Patient Admission service reported on above. Following NHS target to reduce outpatients face to face by a third by offering telephone conversations and piloting video conferencing.
- Alternative Clinic Appointments – Patients are being offered alternative clinic sites but the trust has found that patients are opting for their local hospital and consequently waiting longer for appointments.

2.3.3 Recommendations

- Councilors to follow up on the congestion issues associated with the A14 viaduct / re-route with Huntingdonshire District Council.

2.3.4 The next liaison meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 7th May 2020.

2.4 **Liaison meeting with Cambridgeshire University Hospital Foundation Trust (CUH)**

A meeting was held on the 13th January with Roland Sinker (CEO) and Ian Walker (Director of Corporate Affairs).

The liaison group members in attendance were Councilor Jones. Apologies were received from Councilors Harford, Hudson and van de Ven

2.4.1 A range of topics were raised by members and included the following:

- Update on Cyclists Signage – This is being addressed by the Campus wide group and cycle lanes are marked out. Plenty of locked spaces for staff. Website needs to have more information on parking for cyclists.
- Staffing issues – general staff vacancy rate is low and retention rate has increased. Specific issues on radiology were discussed and the trust recognized that June-November was a challenging time due to growth in demand for senior doctors to review images. Issues have been resolved.
- EU Recruitment Plans – the trust is relying less on overseas recruitment. Largest workforce nursing with low vacancy rates. There is some planned recruitment in the Philippians with Royal Papworth Trust for March 2020.
- Protocols for Sick Patients at Home

2.4.2 CUH raised the following issues.

- Government Infrastructure Programme

As part of the national Hospital Infrastructure Plan (HIP) Addenbrookes Hospital was included in the second phase plan and the trust has been invited to accelerate their plans regarding the redevelopment with a rebuild around 2025. Further bid is required to central government by end of March 2020.

- Children's Hospital Development

Stakeholder work underway with CPFT. Five year development programme but the accelerated planning for the HIP is welcomed. Plans to move children's cancer ward into the new build

2.4.3 Recommendations

- Health Committee to request an update on the Children's Hospital Development from relevant representatives from CPFT, CUH and NHS E

2.4.4 The next liaison is scheduled Tuesday 28th April 2020.

2.5 Schedule of Liaison Meetings for the Health Committee

Organisation	Liaison meeting Date
Clinical Commissioning Group	27 th May 2020
Cambridge & Peterborough Foundation Trust	15 th April 2020
North West Anglia Foundation Trust	7 th May 2020
Cambridge University Hospital	28 th April 2020
Royal Papworth Hospital	To be arranged

3.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

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

3.2 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

3.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

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

3.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

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

3.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

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

3.6 Public Health Implications

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