

COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS AND VISITS: REPORT BACK

To: **Health Committee**

Meeting Date: **20th November 2014**

From **Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health**

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 Committee consider the report.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Health Committee received an update report on the health scrutiny activities of the working groups at the last Health Committee meeting held on 16th October 2014.
- 1.2 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 met.
- 1.3 There is a separate report from the Commissioning of Older People's Healthcare working group (Agenda Item 10).

2. MAIN ISSUES

Mental Health Working Group

- 2.1 The working group members are Councillors Bourke, P. Brown, Orgee, Sales, Scutt, Smith and South Cambridgeshire District Councillor Ellington with Councillor Brian Rush from Peterborough City Council in attendance for the latter meeting.
- 2.2 The working group is currently reviewing Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG's) development of a five-year Mental Health Strategy. A scoping meeting is scheduled for 25th November and will be reviewing documentation supplied by the CCG. The group will then be meeting with representatives from the CCG on 8th December 2014.
- 2.3 The scoping meeting will also provide members the opportunity to discuss the Public Mental Health Strategy Scoping document presented by Emma De Zoete at the last committee meeting. Specifically members were asked to review the definitions within the strategy.

Health Scrutiny Liaison visit with Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), Kings Lynn, Norfolk

- 2.4 A meeting between representatives from the Health Committee with QEH Executive team was held on 28th October 2014. Members attending this meeting: Councillors Bourke, Clapp, Lay, Orgee, Scutt and Dr. Liz Robin.
- 2.5 The purpose of the meeting was for Health Committee members with local members to discuss QEH Executive Directors the range of services that QEH provides for Cambridgeshire residents the challenges faced by the hospital and how it is responding to these, and how it links in to other parts of the health and care system in Cambridgeshire.
- 2.6 Prior to the meeting, the Councillors were provided with a copy of the Care Quality Commission quality report on Queen Elizabeth Hospital, published in September 2014, which gave an overall rating of 'requires improvement, available on <http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RCX>

The Councillors were also provided with a copy of the hospital's action plan, following their entry to Monitor's 'Special Measures Programme' in 2013
<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/specialmeasures/Documents/October%202014/Queen-Elizabeth-Kings-Lynn-Hospitals-October-2014.pdf>

2.7 Issues discussed included:-

- Feedback from the Executive Team on progress with the Special Measures Action Plan.
- The Monitor Contingency Planning Team currently working with the Trust to develop options for ensuring a sustainable District General Hospital and Local Health Economy configuration
- The associated System Sustainability Programme and workstreams led by the West Norfolk CCG, and opportunities for Wisbech Local Commissioning Group to feed into this.
- Delayed transfers of care including issues for Cambridgeshire patients
- The Better Care Fund
- The new contract for Older People's services in Cambridgeshire, and how QEH would plan to work with Uniting Care Partnership.
- Health professional recruitment

Further Liaison visits 2015

- 2.8 Liaison visits with Peterborough City Hospital and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group are currently being set up for early 2015. Discussions with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust have resulted in agreement to establish regular bi-monthly liaison meetings that will also commence in 2015.

Joint Health Committee Seminars

- 2.9 On the afternoon of Thursday 11th December the Health Committee will be hosting two joint seminars. The first seminar will be held with members from both the Health Committee and the Economy and Environment Committee. This will be followed by a second seminar from CCG and UnitingCare Partnership on the development of the Older People's Healthcare contract. Members from the Health Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board and district Health Scrutiny chairs will be invited to attend this seminar.

3. 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.

3.2 Localism and Local Member Involvement

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

3.6 Public Health Implications

The outcomes from the activities of the working groups are likely to impact on public health

Source Documents	Location
None	