

HEALTH COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

To: **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **15th March 2018**

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 and endorse the progress made on the Healthy Schools working group and the liaison groups**
- 2) Note the forthcoming schedule of meetings**
- 3) Consider any items from the ¼ liaison meetings that may need be included on the forward agenda plan**

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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 14th December 2017
- 1.2 This report updates the committee on the Healthy Schools Working group and the liaison meetings with health commissioners and providers. The report covers quarter 4 liaison meetings with:
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) & Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Healthwatch
 - North West Anglia Foundation Trust (NWAFT) – Hinchingsbrooke Hospital
- 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 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.

2. MAIN ISSUES

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

The liaison group members in attendance were Councillors Jones and van de Ven. A meeting was held on 25th January 2018 with Sandie Smith (CEO) of Healthwatch and Jessica Bawden (Director of Corporate Affairs, CCG)

2.1.1 An update from the CCG was received on the following areas.

- Improving access to Primary Care
Members were notified of a number of procurements the CCG will be undertaking in the next few months i.e. Procurement on IV antibiotics, Specialist Wheelchair provision and engagement around NHS England procurement for opening surgeries from 8am-8pm
- Notification that the CCG are undertaking their annual stakeholder survey
- Update on North West Anglia Foundation Trust – Children's acute services. Children's acute services based at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital were previously provided by Cambridgeshire Community Services and this function has been taken over by NWAFT with both trusts agreement.
- Primary Care Developments
Further update on the International GP recruitment scheme which aims to have 115 GPs recruited by October 2018.
- Urgent Treatment Centre
Further update following development session in January the CCG are submitting a business case to NHS England regarding exceptionality to

the new nation guidelines as what constitutes a Urgent Treatment Centre.

- Better Births plan (Led by STP) submitted in Sept/October and Healthwatch are involved in setting up maternity voices feedback.
- CCGs Financial Update
Guidance due out on 22nd February 2018 so item scheduled on the March Health committee meeting will need to be delayed until the May meeting.

2.1.2 Sandie Smith provided members with an update on issues Healthwatch Cambridgeshire & Peterborough are currently dealing with.

- NHS Accessible Information standard – report (for clients with sensory impairment, communication needs, learning difficulties etc. Report was launched in November 2017 and providers are now discussing with Healthwatch how they will meet these standards. Healthwatch has received feedback from the Deaf Association regarding concerns that the standards are not being met.

<http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/news/new-healthwatch-report-aims-improve-healthwatch-campaigns-improve-care-people-learning-and>

- Sandie Smith confirmed that Healthwatch had local intelligence on the scrutiny items around Non-Emergency Patient Transport and East of England Ambulance Service Trust, response times. It was agreed to provide health committee members with a briefing in preparation for the meeting on 8th February 2018.

2.1.3 Actions from this meeting:

- Healthwatch to provide a briefing on NEPTs & EEAST to Health Committee members (sent 31/1/18)
- CCG to provide briefing on GP Recruitment scheme to Health Committee members (sent 9/2/18)
- CCG to provide briefing on procurements detailed above.

2.1.4 The next liaison meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26th April @ 10am, Shire Hall, Cambridge

2.2 Liaison meeting with North West Anglia Foundation Trust (regarding Hinchingbrooke Hospital) NWAFT

2.2.1 The liaison group members in attendance were District Councillor Jill Tavener. A number of apologies were received from other members. A meeting was held on 8th February with Stephen Graves (CEO) and Caroline Walker (CFO)

2.2.2 The following topics were discussed at this meeting:

- A&E Staffing
Members were notified that the trust is still experiencing recruitment issues for Hinchingbrooke Hospitals A&E department.
- Finance Update – trust is still struggling to hit an agreed budget issues relate to increased demand. The demand is associated with increase

use of A&E and urgent patient needs rather than increased surgical activity or the impact of new builds.

- **Merger Update**
Operational changes as a result of the merger were completed in autumn 2017 but change has taken longer than expected. Now expecting the last corporate and clinical management changes to be in place for end of March / April 2018.
- **Children Service Transfer to NWAFT**
Acute children's services at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital were previously provided by Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) as part of an integrated acute and children's community service for Huntingdonshire. CCS gave notice to the CCG that they would cease providing the service in 2018 so NWAFT may be commissioned to provide this.
- **Update A&E Ambulance handovers**
Members heard that there were occasions where the Trust had experienced ambulance queues due to capacity issues with A&E. Ambulance service now have a patient care support team which and send an extra crew in to enable the emergency crew to leave. It was reported that contractual performance of the patient transport provider and NWAFT have been incurring costs to meet the needs.
- **CQC Inspections**
As a newly formed trust NWAFT should have received a CQC Inspection in January 2018, inspections have been postponed nationally so this is unlikely to happen until May or June.

2.2.3 Actions from the meeting:

Next meeting to be scheduled for before June 2018 so members can be briefed on the NWAFT Site Strategy.

2.3 Schedule of Quarterly Liaison Meetings

Cambridge University Hospital (CUHFT) 23rd March 2018 @ 3 – 4.30pm
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG 26th April 2018 @ 10am
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Foundation Trust – 11th May @10am
North West Anglia Foundation Trust – awaiting dates

2.4 Healthy Schools Service Specification – Task & Finish Group

- 2.4.1 The Healthy Schools service specification meeting was held on 23rd January 2018. Councillors Jenkins, Jones, Sanderson and Cllr S. van de Ven with District Councillor Sue Ellington met with Val Thomas (Consultant in Public Health) to discuss the specification.

Key aspects of the discussion:-

- Broad discussion of the Healthy Schools Service – Specification
Focus upon the needs of schools to meet the health and wellbeing agenda. It was acknowledged that demonstrating health outcomes would be difficult but process indicators relating to behaviour change are required. The evidence base referencing the original World Health

Organisation and later London evaluation of its most recent Healthy Schools programme should be incorporated.

- The provider will be required to establish a website that all schools can access. This was generally supported and it was acknowledged that the local authority does not have the skills to produce a dynamic website that will attract schools.
- There was a discussion about the tiered offer to schools which would be needs led but potentially constrained by the available funding.
- There were specific elements of the service specification that would be amended to reflect the discussion.

4.1 Strengthen the Vision Statement to explicitly emphasise that it involves all aspects of school life internally e.g. all teachers, and externally in the wider community.

4.2 Substitute Health Eating for Excess Weight

7.2 Amend the wording the evaluation section.

2.4.2 Due to the timescales associated with the procurement the task and finish group concluded its contribution to the service specification at this meeting and will not meet again.

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.

Source Documents	Location
None.	