

Health Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2015

Present:

Councillor Craig – In the Chair

Councillors Hitchen, T. Judge, O'Neil, E.Newman, Paul, Swannick and Wilson

Councillor Andrews, Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing

Apologies: Councillors Teubler and Webb

Nick Gomm, Head of Corporate Services, North, Central and South Manchester
Clinical Commissioning Groups

HSC/15/29 Opening comments from the Chair

Councillor Craig opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Committee to this, the first meeting of the new municipal year. She made particular welcome to those new members appointed the Committee.

HSC/15/30 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 March 2015 were submitted for approval by the Committee. The Committee was also invited to note the minutes of the Trafford Borough Council and Manchester City Council Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – A New Deal for Trafford meeting held on 23 March 2015.

The Chair advised the Committee that the report regarding District Nursing Reorganisation in South Manchester requested for the May meeting (See HSC/15/26 District Nursing Reorganisation in South Manchester) had been deferred to the June meeting.

Decision

1. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2015 as a correct record.
2. To note the minutes of the Trafford Borough Council and Manchester City Council Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – A New Deal for Trafford meeting held on 23 March 2015.
3. To receive the report regarding District Nursing Reorganisation in South Manchester at the June meeting of the Committee.

HSC/15/31 Manchester City Council – Implementation of Care Act 2014

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director, (Adults) Families Health and Wellbeing which provided members with a summary of the

implementation of the Care Act since April 2015. The Interim Head of Adult Social Work and Care Act Implementation introduced the report and described the progress made against each responsibility.

In response to a question from a member the Strategic Director, (Adults) Families Health and Wellbeing informed the Committee that she welcomed the Care Act however the Council needs to continue monitoring the financial position. She advised that financial modelling is ongoing to understand future financial implications. The Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing informed the members that closer working with the Education Department is being developed to understand future service need for transition cases.

The Strategic Director, (Adults) Families Health and Wellbeing further stated that the important and valuable role that carers play is fully recognised, and consulting with carers and carers organisations will continue going forward. Members welcomed this commitment to meaningful engagement with carer's and stated that there are a large number of carers who function in an informal manner and are not known to the authority. The Strategic Director, (Adults) Families Health and Wellbeing acknowledged this and stated that the work with carers groups and forum will help identify those carers. She also asked for members to identify how they can be involved in the consultation.

A member asked about provisions to assist people who may not have access to IT equipment to use the Connect to Support interactive IT system. The Interim Head of Adult Social Work and Care Act Implementation responded by saying that they are mindful of this and will monitor access. She further stated that consideration is given to alternative methods of advice and support for people via community agencies and there is a need for a city wide offer. In addition the Contact Centre will be able to offer advice and assist with enquiries.

Members then discussed the relatively low take up rates of personal budgets in Manchester compared to other local authorities. The Strategic Director, (Adults) Families Health and Wellbeing advised that this situation is being monitored closely. The Chair requested that the comparator data be circulated to members of the Committee.

In response to a question regarding what happens if people move into the city who had an existing assessment or support plan. The Interim Head of Adult Social Work and Care Act Implementation replied by saying that the assessment is portable however the support plan can be reviewed. She stated that there had only been one case of this so far, however it is anticipated that as incidents of this nature increase across the country this may well be tested by case law.

Members welcomed the report and the progress made to date They commented that they welcomed the move towards a more personalised model of care and agreed to receive further progress reports. Members requested that future updates contain financial modelling information.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the report.
2. The Committee requested a regular update on the progress made against the implementation of the Care Act. If a substantive report is not appropriate an update is to be provided in the Health and Wellbeing Update. The Committee particularly asked for regular updates on improving access.
3. The Committee recognised the important role that carers play and noted the consultation exercise with Carers. The Committee requested that the findings and implication of this exercise be shared with the members at an appropriate meeting. Carers and Carer's organisations are to be invited to the meeting.
4. The Committee requested that the available comparative data relating to the take up rates of personal budgets be circulated.
5. The Committee noted the consultation exercise to be undertaken in relation to Deferred Payments that is due to run between May and August 2015. The Committee request that the outcomes of this consultation are shared with the Committee.
6. The Committee requested that future update reports include information regarding access to advice and information.

HSC/15/32 Quality Accounts 2014 / 2015

The Committee considered the report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which provided members with the Committee's formal responses to the Quality Accounts submitted by Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust, the University Hospitals of South Manchester Foundation Trust and Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust.

Councillor Newman addressed the Committee as the former Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee with responsibility for drafting the responses. He informed the Committee that he endorsed the responses. He thanked members for their contributions when formulating the responses. He paid particular thanks to Dave Burnham who had been commissioned by North West Employers to support the Committee with their work of analysing the draft accounts.

The Committee expressed their thanks to Cllr Newman for his attention to the Quality Accounts and co-ordinating the responses on behalf of the Committee.

A member commented that whilst she recognised that it is the responsibility of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust to formally respond to the Quality Accounts produced by North Manchester General Hospital, this Committee should continue to scrutinise North Manchester General Hospital.

The Chair informed members that as North Manchester General Hospital provide NHS services for a large number of Manchester residents the Committee are entitled

to scrutinise this hospital. The Chair invited the member to raise this issue during consideration of the Committees Work Programme.

A member further commented that Manchester does have representation on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and efforts should be made to actively engage with these members. The Chair agreed to look into this.

Decision

The Committee noted the responses to the Quality Accounts submitted by Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust, the University Hospitals of South Manchester Foundation Trust and Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust.

HSC/15/33 Draft Terms of Reference and Work Programme for the Learning Disability Services Task and Finish Group

The Committee considered the report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which provided the Committee with proposed terms of reference and work programme for the Learning Disability Services Task and Finish group.

Members discussed the remit of the group and debated if this should include children's services. Following this discussion it was agreed that the remit of the Task and Finish Group should focus on adult services.

Members then discussed membership of the group. A member commented that there are members who had extensive knowledge and experience of this subject area who were not currently members of the Health Scrutiny Committee and suggested that consideration should be given to extending an invitation to them. The Committee agreed and requested that Councillor Newman approach the members that he had identified.

Decision

1. The Committee approved Councillors Hitchen, E.Newman and Paul as members of the Task and Finish Group . In addition the Committee request that Cllr Newman invite those members he had identified as having knowledge and experience of this subject area to join the group.
2. The Committee agreed the Terms of Reference.
3. The Committee agreed the Work Programme which will be reviewed and amended by the group at each meeting.

HSC/15/34 Health and Wellbeing Update

The Committee received a report which provided an overview of developments across Health and Social Care and the local NHS.

A member asked if the funding available following the closure of the Independent Living Fund from June 2015 will be the same following transfer to sole local authority support from July 2015. The Interim Strategic Director for Families, Health and Wellbeing responded that it will be a reduced amount and this will be shared with the Learning Disability Task and Finish Group.

Members then discussed the second part of the report which described developments in the local NHS. Members commented that NHS devolution was a priority for the Health Scrutiny Committee. Members further commented that same day GP access remains an issue for the Committee and the member from North Manchester reiterated her comments regarding services at North Manchester General Hospital.

The Chair acknowledged the comments made by members and again invited them to raise these issues during consideration of the Committees Work Programme for the forth coming year.

Decision

To note the report.

HSC/15/35 Overview Report

A report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which contained key decisions within the Committee's remit and responses to previous recommendations was submitted for comment. Members were also invited to agree the Committee's future work programme.

The Committee noted that it would be discussing the work programme for the forthcoming year in more detail in a private session following the meeting, and that an updated work programme reflecting this discussion would be circulated as normal in the papers for the next meeting.

A member commented that it would be helpful if the information relating to recent Care Quality Commission Reports provided within section three of the report be amended to include a column that provides a summary of the report findings. The Committee agreed this recommendation.

Members further commented that the recommendation agreed at the March meeting (see HSC/15/27 Health and Wellbeing Update) that read

The Committee request that visits be arranged for members to visit the Accident and Emergency Departments at the Hospital Trusts to witness the pressures experienced on Friday and Saturday evenings.

be included in the Recommendations Monitor.

Decision

1. The Committee requested that the Scrutiny Support Officer amend the table in section three of the report to include a column that provides a summary of the CQC report.
2. The Committee requested that the recommendation, agreed at the March meeting regarding member's visits to the Hospital Trusts be added to the Committee's Recommendations Monitor.