

Health Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2015

Present:

Councillor Craig – In the Chair

Councillors Hitchen, T. Judge, E. Newman, O’Neil, Paul, Stone, Webb and Wilson

Councillor Andrews, Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing

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

Gill Heaton, Deputy Chief Executive, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS
Foundation Trust

Warren Heppollette, Greater Manchester Director of Health and Social Care Reform

Joanne Newton, Chief Officer of Central Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group

Leila Williams, NHS Service Transformation, Healthier Together

Apologies: Councillors Swannick and Teubler

HSC/15/43 Minutes

Decision

1. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 as a correct record.

HSC/15/44 Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution

The Committee received the report of the Strategic Director, Health and Social Care Reform (Greater Manchester) which provided an overview of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution work. The Chair recommended that consideration of the Healthier Together section of the report be considered first. The Committee agreed this recommendation.

The Chair opened the discussion by acknowledging the decision taken on the 15 July 2015 by the Committees in Common to allocate Stepping Hill hospital in Stockport as the fourth specialist site. The Chair said the Committee were disappointed with this decision and re-iterated that it had been the view of the Committee that the University Hospital of South Manchester (UHSM) should have been awarded the status of specialist site for the reasons previously stated by the Committee. (see minutes 25 September 2014 HSC/14/47 and 25 June 2015 HSC/15/41).

The Committee welcomed Leila Williams, NHS Service Transformation, Healthier Together. Ms Williams introduced the section of the report relating to Healthier Together. She described that the consultation exercise had resulted in approximately 30,000 responses and the decision to allocate Stepping Hill had been reached after taking into consideration travel and access to the site, quality and safety, affordability and value for money.

A member said that he regretted the decision taken by the Committees in Common and further advised that this was also the view of the Trafford Borough Council and Manchester City Council Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. He further commented that throughout the consultation process people were led to understand that any decision would be made on clinical grounds. He said that the criteria described within the report that had been used for determining which site was to be chosen were not all clinical and said that Stepping Hill was chosen so that the residents of High Peak and East Cheshire could travel their more easily and as a consequence the residents of Wythenshawe are losing out.

Members commented upon the decision taken and stated that they had a number of concerns, including that the decision not to award UHSM specialist status had resulted in a perception amongst residents that UHSM had been downgraded. A member commented that he felt that the consultation exercise had been inconsistent and flawed. Another member said that if there was to be a major incident at Manchester Airport UHSM is better placed to respond to this.

Ms Williams said that there will be no reduction in the service currently offered at the UHSM site. She said that the implementation of the Healthier Together programme will continue to be scrutinised by the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Panel and a representative from Manchester City Council is appointed to this panel.

Members further commented upon the transport difficulties for both Manchester patients and their families in accessing Stepping Hill hospital. Ms Williams responded by saying that the public consultation exercise was a statutory requirement, undertaken at the cost of approximately £4m and the views of non Manchester residents who use Manchester hospitals were taken into consideration. She said that travel and access had been taken into consideration and a modelling exercise of patient travelling times had been undertaken.

In response to a question from a member regarding the cost of improving the Stepping Hill site, Ms Williams advised that all of the costings had been calculated and independently reviewed and this information is available online. She advised that this had been modelled for the next 60 years. Ms Williams further assured the Committee that the Healthier Decision outcome will not affect the £11.5M allocated for the improvements to UHSM.

The Chair concluded this section of the discussion by thanking Ms Williams for attending the meeting and responding to the questions and concerns of the members. She re-iterated that the view of the Committee remained unchanged with regard to the Healthier Together outcome. She said that the Committee will continue to monitor the service provided at UHSM and the impact that this has on the residents of Manchester.

The Committee then welcomed Warren Heppollette, Greater Manchester Director of Health and Social Care Reform who introduced the report across its broad themes. The report described the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution agreement. He said that this agreement represented a unique opportunity to improve health outcomes and successfully deliver the Living Longer, Living Better programme for the benefit of all Greater Manchester residents.

Members welcomed the report and the information provided. A member commented that there existed a misconception amongst residents about the role and powers of the elected mayor. Mr Heppollette acknowledged that unfortunately there had been some misleading information in the press regarding the powers of the elected mayor in relation to health and that there is a need to communicate the correct information. Mr Heppollette said he agreed with the comment made by a member regarding the need to promote the work of Public Health and the wider health improvements that this area of work can deliver for the residents of Manchester.

A member commented that he welcomed the health devolution announcement and recognised the opportunities that this presented for the future commissioning and delivery of health and social care services. However he expressed his reservation that the health budget will remain with Clinical Commissioning Groups who are not elected and have no democratic accountability. In response Mr Heppolette said that there is a committed civic and clinical leadership team in place to help drive and deliver this ambitious agenda for the benefit of all residents of Greater Manchester.

A member commented that whilst he recognised the need to respond quickly to the devolution announcement made in November 2014 it is important that a programme of public engagement is undertaken to ensure correct information is relayed to all residents of Manchester. The member further commented that there was no information contained within the report regarding scrutiny of this process. Mr Heppolette responded that the process of public engagement would be undertaken when developing the locality plan for Manchester. With regard to scrutiny arrangements he advised that he would clarify the mechanism for this and circulate this information to the Committee. The Chair commented that the Committee requires regular updates regarding the health devolution programme and that recommended an update report is to be included on the Committee's Work Programme for consideration at the February 2016 meeting. The Committee agreed this recommendation.

Decision

1. The Committee thanked Mr Heppolette for attending the meeting.
2. The Committee requested that information regarding scrutiny arrangements for the devolution process be circulated to members.
3. The Committee request that an update report against the Key milestones be submitted for consideration at the meeting of 25 February 2016.

HSC/15/45 Manchester Locality Plan Progress

The Committee welcomed Joanne Newton, Chief Officer of Central Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group who delivered a presentation with the Deputy Chief Executive, Manchester City Council entitled 'Manchester Locality Plan Progress'. The presentation provided members with information about the progress made against

the production of a comprehensive Manchester Strategic Plan for health and social care delivery.

Members welcomed the presentation and the information provided. A member commented that he welcomed the section which described the ambition for Public Health. He said that investment in associated activities such as cycle paths can increase both the physical and mental health of residents and in turn lower demand on services. The Deputy Chief Executive responded that the connection is recognised.

Ms Newton explained that the financial modelling contained within the presentation is based on financial assumptions and future efficiencies. She described that the development of the Locality Plan will provide an opportunity to review pricing and procurement processes to ensure best value for money. The Deputy Chief Executive said that budgets can be pooled if necessary and partners have a collective responsibility to ensure that the Manchester Locality Plan is successfully delivered.

Decision

1. The Committee welcomed the presentation and thanked Ms Newton for attending the meeting.
2. The Committee requested that an update be provided at an appropriate time.

HSC/15/46 Collective Provider Response to the Commissioners' 2020 One Team Place Based Care 2020 Design Specification by the Manchester Provider Group

The Committee considered the report submitted by the Manchester Provider Group, a group comprising of 11 NHS and social care statutory providers. This report followed on from the One Team Commissioning Document, presented to the Committee in June 2015 and is the response of the Manchester Provider Group. The recommendations in the report were agreed by the Manchester Health and Well Being Board on 8 July 2015. The Committee welcomed Gill Heaton, Deputy Chief Executive, Central Manchester University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust who introduced the report.

Ms Heaton informed the Committee that the newly formed group of 11 NHS and social care providers includes all GP organisations in the city, all acute and integrated community trusts in the city, the mental health trust, the council and ambulance service. She said that this is a unique development and good model to develop and redesign the delivery of services. She said that this model of service delivery is both clinically and economically more efficient.

A member commented that he welcomed the report and the direction of travel described. However he said that whilst the report was informative and detailed the descriptions were very process orientated. The Deputy Chief Executive (People), acknowledged this point and assured the Committee that practical work is ongoing to deliver the ambitions described within the report. A member welcomed the section of

the report which described the work to be undertaken in the Gorton area to address the health inequalities identified. He requested that all Gorton ward members are kept informed of these developments.

Decision

1. To note the report.
2. The Committee thanked Gill Heaton for attending the meeting.

HSC/15/47 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 recommended that a report be added to the Committee's Work Programme which will provide further information about the Peer Review that had been undertaken in regard to the delivery of Adult Social Care. The Committee agreed this recommendation.

Decision

1. The Committee note the reports.
2. The Committee requested that a report be submitted for consideration at an appropriate time which provides information about the outcome of the Peer Review that was undertaken in regard to the delivery of Adult Social Care.

HSC/15/48 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 Interim Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Wellbeing responded to a question from a member about action taken in response to the CQC Inspection report, described in section 3 of the report which had rated Southwold Nursing Home as Inadequate. She informed the Committee that following receipt of the inspection report the provider had been suspended and an action plan had been implemented to address the issues identified within the report.

Decision

To note the report and approve the work programme.