

Health Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2015

Present:

Councillor Craig – In the Chair

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

Councillor Richards, Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Committee

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

Clinical Commissioning Groups

Ed Dyson, Central Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group

Claudette Elliott, South Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group

Matt Graham, University Hospital of South Manchester

Darren Banks, Central Manchester Foundation Trust

Hugh Mullen, Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust

Anton Sinniah, Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust

Apologies: Councillors Andrews and Teubler

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Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2015 as a correct record.

HSC/15/74

Manchester’s Locality Plan – Update

The Committee considered the report of the Joint Director of Health and Social Care which provided members with an update on Manchester’s Locality Plan and the health and social care transformation work planned in the city. The Joint Director of Health and Social Care with senior representatives from the CCGs and acute trusts delivered a supporting presentation that described the context of the plan, updates on commissioning intentions, the timescale for delivery both of One Team and for the single hospital service. She said that the plan is still in its draft form and is subject to change before it is finalised in April 2016.

The Committee welcomed Ed Dyson, Central Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group; Claudette Elliott, South Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group; Matt Graham, University Hospital of South Manchester; Darren Banks, Central Manchester Foundation Trust; Hugh Mullen, Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust and Anton Sinniah, Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust.

Members welcomed the report and the presentation. Members said that they reaffirmed their support for the successful integration of Health and Social Care to improve the health outcomes for the residents of Manchester.

Members commented that the success of the Locality Plan is dependant on the appropriate level of finances being available to deliver such an ambitious programme. The Deputy Chief Executive, People acknowledged this point and said that the outcome of the Local Government Settlement for Manchester and its implications for social care and the outcome of the discussion at Government on a Transformation Fund for GM health and social care devolution, both of which are not yet known. He also said that the closer working and integration between stakeholders will allow for the opportunity to pool budgets and the cost benefit analysis process developed to support reform in Greater Manchester to successfully deliver this programme. Members requested that a future report detailing the financial implications of the Manchester Locality Plan be submitted for consideration at an appropriate time. Members agreed this recommendation.

Members commented that the new model presented a fundamental change in how services are to be delivered and commented that within Manchester the three existing Hospital Trusts had always operated independently. Members discussed the potential for conflicts of interest between Commissioners and Providers and asked what governance arrangements had been agreed to oversee this programme. A member further questioned the democratic accountability of the new service model and recommended that invitations are sent to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to future meetings when this subject is to be discussed. Members requested that a future report detailing the governance arrangements of the Manchester Locality Plan be submitted for consideration at an appropriate time. Members agreed these recommendations.

With regard to the Single Hospital Service Mr Banks said that a Federation Board had been established to consider and agree the terms of reference for the collective decision making process. He said that further information regarding this will be included in the update report that had been requested by the Health and Wellbeing Board..

A member commented upon the importance of preventative interventions and described the Safe and Well scheme in Wigan, delivered by the Greater Manchester and Fire Rescue Service that had resulted in a 30% reduction in hospital admissions. Another member commented that active travel, such as cycling can significantly reduce the cost to the local health economy. The member questioned why the plan did not include strategies and initiatives to address wider health determinants. The Deputy Chief Executive, People advised that this is recognised and will form part of the Manchester Strategy.

Matt Graham, University Hospital of South Manchester Informed the Committee that the delivery of the Single Hospital Service will help deliver a consistent service to Manchester residents, reduce incidences of duplication and better use of staff resources. He said that the three Manchester Hospital Boards will be involved in this design and an independent review of this process had been commissioned. He said that Monitor, the regulator for Health Services and the Trust Development Agency are also involved in the delivery of this programme. In response to a question from members Mr Banks reassured the Committee that the ambition is not to consolidate services into one hospital site.

A member enquired how residents were being kept informed and involved with these changes. Mr Dyson, Central Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group said that patients and patient groups will be involved in any service redesign and there will be a process of consultation and communications with both residents and clinicians. The Committee welcomed Councillor Richards, Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Committee. She said that the meaningful involvement and engagement with staff is critical to the successful delivery of the Manchester Locality Plan.

A member said that he welcomed the descriptions provided within the draft plan of those identified transformation programmes, however he would like to have timescales for the implementation included.

Decisions

1. The Committee thanked all of the guests and NHS representatives for attending the meeting.
2. To note the report and presentation.
3. To request that an update report is submitted for consideration at the February 2016 meeting of Health Scrutiny. This report shall include specific information regarding the financial and governance arrangements of the Locality Plan.
4. The Committee recommend that the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board be invited to all future meetings when the Locality Plan is to be discussed.

HSC/15/75 Health and Wellbeing Update

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

Members discussed the section of the report submitted by the Head of Corporate Services, North, Central and South Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups that described the Manchester Access project, a project funded to deliver extended access to GP practices. Members commented that they had anecdotal evidence that alternative appointments were not being offered or publicised to residents. Members commented that access to primary care remains an issue and recommended that a substantive report is submitted for consideration by the Committee. The Committee agreed this recommendation.

Members welcomed the update provided on the University Hospital of South Manchester (UHSM). A member recommended that a visit to the A&E Department is arranged for members of the Health Scrutiny Committee. The Committee agreed this recommendation.

Decisions

1. To note the reports.

2. The Committee request that a report on access to primary care be submitted for consideration at an appropriate time.
3. To request that the Committee Support Officer arrange a visit to the A&E Department at UHSM for members of the Committee.

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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.

Decision

To note the report and approve the work programme