

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 18 November 2008
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Tom McGee (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Hazel Lees (Vice-Chair); Councillors Walter Brett, Christine Corris, Chris Gordon, Sylvia Humphries, Bryan Leck, June Somekh and Craig Wright.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 30 September 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Cllr Hazel Lees	Agenda item 4 (Minute 5) 'Presentation on Lord Darzi's Health Service Reforms' as her daughter is employed by NICE.

3. CALL-IN

There were no items to consider.

4. DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING NON-ACUTE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN STOCKPORT

A representative of the Chief Executive of Stockport Primary Care Trust submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on improving and developing Older People's Non-Acute Services. It focused on progress made in developing the new non-acute service model and plans to decommission the Older People's in-patient services currently provided at Cherry Tree Hospital. The report also included an update with regard to Fully Funded Continuing Health Care activity and the relationship of this area of work to the new Intermediate Care service model.

The Committee noted that the original plan was to provide a consolidated 52 bed based service in local care homes, and 90 places in people's own homes. The service had been revised and would still offer 52 beds but reduce the number of at home places to 65 in the first instance, with the option to develop the service further at a later stage.

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In response to a question in respect of the timescales of running two systems in tandem, it was reported that the new service would commence on 1 January, 2008, and the old service was due to close on 31 March, 2008. The Committee was also informed that each of the patients on remaining open wards had individual plans to move them onwards. The effectiveness of the ‘at home service’ would be measured through a range of criteria and performance indicators. In addition, the Committee was informed that the backlog in waiting lists for assessments had been cleared since March/April and that there was now additional capacity available. It was envisaged that additional costs in respect of the scheme would be met by general Stockport PCT resources.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Chief Executive of Stockport Primary Care Trust be requested to submit a final update report to the Committee in April/May 2009 following the implementation of the new model and the decommissioning of the services provided at Cherry Tree Hospital.

5. PRESENTATION ON LORD DARZI'S HEALTH SERVICE REFORMS

The Chief Executive of Stockport Primary Care Trust made a presentation at the meeting on the health reforms outlined in Lord Darzi's Next stage review – ‘High Quality Care for All’, focusing on:-

- The requirement for closer working between the NHS and local government
- Personal health budgets for patients
- Integrated care organisations
- Commissioning of wellbeing and prevention services
- The requirement for all PCT's to publish strategic plans for delivering the Darzi proposals by Spring 2009

A summary of ‘High Quality Care for All’ was attached for information (copies of which had been circulated).

The Committee recognised the need to engage in partnership working but recognised the difficulties in implementing radical and workable NHS reviews. With regard to the scheme for personalised budgets which enabled patients to facilitate their own resources, the Committee recognised that this would be flawed if the patient failed to undertake their responsibilities properly.

Councillors expressed their approval at the proposal to double investment in apprenticeships and stressed the need to promote and ensure optimum hygiene on hospital wards.

It was agreed in general that there appeared to be a willingness to move the system forward and the Committee recognised its role in providing appropriate encouragement and constructive criticism where necessary.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that the Chief Executive of Stockport Primary Care Trust be requested to submit a report to the Committee in

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January/February 2009 providing a summary breakdown of the Strategic Plan 2008/09 to 2013/14.

6. JOINT SCRUTINY UPDATE

Councillors Chris Gordon and Walter Brett gave an oral report in respect of the proceedings of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care on 23 October 2008. The report focused on the following:-

- Pilot of business plan on services for older people.
- Services for people with mental health problems in general hospitals as part of the Pennine care business plan.
- Improvements to crisis resolving home treatments resulting in a 13% reduction in Stockport admissions.
- Pre-statement on purpose built low secure unit to be completed by August 2010.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. AGENDA PLANNING

A representative of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy, Performance & Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the planned agenda items for the Committee's next three meetings, Forward Plan items which fell within the remit of the Committee and progress with the resolutions made at previous meetings during the current municipal year.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.