

Health Scrutiny Panel – Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th June, 2013.

Present:- Councillors Chohan, Davis, S K Dhaliwal, Mittal, Plimmer and Strutton

Non-Voting Co-optee - Slough LINK representative, Colin Pill

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Grewal and Small

PART I

1. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

2. Election of Chair

The nomination of Cllr S K Dhaliwal was proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations it was:

Resolved - That Cllr S K Dhaliwal be elected Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the 2013/14 municipal year.

(Cllr S K Dhaliwal in the Chair)

3. Election of Vice-Chair

The nomination of Cllr Strutton was proposed and seconded.

Resolved - That Cllr Strutton be appointed Vice-Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the 2013/14 municipal year.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 18th March 2013

Resolved - That the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 18th March 2013 were approved as a correct record.

5. Member Questions

There were no questions received from Members.

6. Mental Health Clinical Services Reconfiguration

Karen Watkins, the Programme Lead, introduced the Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust progress report on the Mental Health Clinical Services reconfiguration, together with the operational policy on transport assistance for visitors and details of the ASSiST support service.

The move of Ward 10 from Wexham Park to Prospect Park had taken place on 4th June 2013 as planned and early reports indicated that patients were

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settling in well. Planning was continuing for the move of Ward 12 from Heatherwood and Charles Ward at St Mark's Hospital to Prospect Park in early 2014, subject to ongoing negotiations as to whether an earlier date could be agreed. The move of community services based at Wexham Park would be complete by the end of July. The complex needs service had already moved to the new Athena Unit at Upton Hospital; the memory clinic and Older Peoples CMHT would move to Upton by the end of June; and Outpatients would be relocated at New Horizons during week commencing 22nd July. As a result, the business case conditions for the reconfiguration of services were close to being met in full.

Following questions from Members, the following points were clarified:

- Discussions had taken place with the Police about the procedures over the 'sectioning' of a patient; Prospect Park Hospital is the locally agreed 'place of safety' for such patients; no issues had arisen so far.
- In line with a business case condition, a provision for transport support had been in future contracts with recurrent funding of £100k per annum. Claims for assistance would be dealt with sensitively and flexibly.
- There were limited parking facilities for patients attending the memory clinic moving to Upton Hospital; options for this, including the use of public transport would be kept under review.
- The ASSiST resource was in place but there had been no requests for assistance to date.

Resolved –

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That a further update be requested for the January 2014 meeting of the Panel.

7. Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Draft Quality Account 2012/13

The Panel considered the draft Quality Account 2012/13 for Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, as presented by Grant McDonald (Deputy Chief Executive) and Jane Chandler (Associate Director of Nursing).

The Panel noted that the Trust had recognised 2012/13 as a challenging year both financially and operationally. The Trust was due to deliver a £6.9m end of year deficit in 2012/13, achieving its pre-year forecast and substantially improving on the £14m deficit of the previous year. The level of clinical performance, quality of care and patient safety delivered had been excellent, with continued improvement against a wide range of clinical quality indicators.

The Panel asked and received answers to a number of questions relating to the reduction in the deficit; dementia; the cancellation of operations; the management of medicines; complaint handling and IT systems. In particular,

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suggestions were made for the Quality report to be clarified or further information provided separately around a number of issues including:

- incident report figures (including reporting of near misses)
- the reasons behind the cancellation of operations
- complaints about appointments and the reasons for them
- more detail around the issue of cardiac arrests
- more detail on issues around timely discharge of patients and pre-preparation of medicines
- issues on complaints concerning communication and professional conduct
- figures/performance on collection of monies from visitors/overseas patients who should be paying for services
- IT infrastructure and its impact on quality of care, patient flow etc.
- an additional table early in the report summarising the targets for the Trust

Resolved – That the draft Quality Account be received and noted, subject to the comments set out above.

8. Review of Accident and Emergency Services at Wexham Park Hospital

Consideration was given to a report putting forward terms of reference for a review into Accident and Emergency Services at Wexham Park Hospital. The draft terms, reflecting the discussion of the Panel at its meeting on 18th March 2013, provided an outline for a Scrutiny Review which would add value to the work being undertaken by other Groups whilst focussing on the priorities of the Panel in terms of the provision of A&E services.

A Task and Finish Group was proposed to undertake the review and members expressed their interest in serving on it.

Resolved - (a) That the terms of reference for the review of Accident and Emergency Services at Wexham Park Hospital be approved.
(b) That a Task and Finish Group be appointed to carry out the review comprising Cllrs Chohan, Davis, S K Dhaliwal, Mittal and Strutton, together with Colin Pill representing Healthwatch.

9. Health Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

The Panel considered a draft 2013/14 work programme setting out suggested priorities and topics for the year ahead. There were a number of topics referred to which had yet to be programmed within the timetable of meetings. A suggestion for a change to the programme was made whereby the Chief Executive of Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust would attend the next Panel meeting in July.

Resolved - That the work programme be noted, subject to the inclusion of a progress report on the proposed merger of Wexham and Heatherwood with Frimley Park at the July meeting, with the LD Change Programme to be deferred.

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10. Members' Attendance 2012/13

The Panel received a report setting out Members' attendance over the past year.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved - That the date of the next meeting of the Panel be changed to Wednesday 24th July 2013.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 7.45 pm)