

Commissioners Working Together Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**Meeting held 3 April 2017**

PRESENT: Councillors Colleen Harwood (Nottinghamshire) (Chair) Sean Bambrick (Derbyshire County Council), Jeff Ennis (Barnsley MBC) (Chair), Pat Midgley (Sheffield City Council), Betty Rhodes (Wakefield MBC) and Stuart Sansome (Rotherham MBC)

Also in attendance

P. Anderton, Commissioners Working Together
C. Edwards, Rotherham CCG
A. Fawley, Nottinghamshire CC
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I. Griffiths, Bassetlaw CCG
A Knowles, NHS England
A. Marshall, Barnsley MBC
T. Moorhead, Sheffield CCG
A. Nicholson, Sheffield City Council
M. Ruff, Sheffield CCG
R. Savage, Derbyshire CC
J Scott, Commissioners Working Together
L. Smith, Barnsley CCG
J. Spurling, Rotherham MBC
H Stevens, Commissioners Working Together
A. Wood, Wakefield MDC

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 November 2016 were approved as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rachael Blake (Doncaster MBC),

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Peter Anderton declared an interest in item 4 as he is employed by Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

4. THE FUTURE OF HYPER ACUTE STROKE SERVICES AND CHILDREN'S SURGERY AND ANAESTHESIA SERVICES – CONSULTATION ANALYSIS

The Committee agreed to allow 3 short presentations from public groups.

- Nora Everitt on behalf of Barnsley Save our NHS (BSONHS)
- Mike Simpson on behalf of Sheffield Save our NHS
- Doug Wright, Doncaster

Councillor Ennis requested an amendment to the wording of the first line of the second paragraph on page 20 of the report. The Committee does not have the power to 'approve' and it was agreed to substitute with 'considered'. The amended sentence should read:

The consultation communications and engagement plan was **considered** by the Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny for the CCGs involved in Commissioners WorkingTogether.

Peter Anderson, Des Breen and Helen Stevens gave a presentation on the report of the consultation analysis which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

They highlighted the rationale for change for each service and discussed the proposals that were consulted on and their impact including the issue of travel for the public.

Helen Stevens discussed the consultation process including communications and engagement activity and the responses that had been received. Statistical evidence was provided for Members who discussed themes and trends that had emerged.

The information from the consultation would be considered alongside other available information by the CCGs in preparation of the business case.

During discussion and questions the following points were raised:

- Mr Anderton clarified that the latest SSNAP data for Rotherham had an overall performance grade of B but was mixed across all areas. He acknowledged the improvement but was not convinced that this showed resilience for the future. There was an issue with recruitment and retention of consultants in the workforce and the aim was to obtain sustainable levels of service.
- Commissioners were working with East Midlands Ambulance Service and Yorkshire Ambulance Service to ensure that targets were met and would be providing feedback for the business case.
- It was anticipated that there would be a low number of ambulance transfers for children's surgery as having the right care pathways should direct to hospital
- Finance was a complex area and still a work in progress but savings were not the main reason for wanting to implement change. It was expected that costs would increase in the short term but the Commissioners were unable to say how long this would be for or what future savings were likely to be.
- Particular skills were needed to care for children and staff needed to work with children on a regular basis to ensure that a safe environment was maintained.

RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- Noted the presentation and the responses to questions and comments.
- Thanked Peter Anderton, Des Breen & Helen Stevens for their contribution to the meeting

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held sometime in June after the CCGs had met to consider the business case. Arrangements would be made by the Scrutiny Officers and circulated to Members.