

Confirmed

Minutes of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2015 at 10:30 am in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth.

Present: Councillors Michael Ladd (Chairman, Suffolk County Council), Michael Carttiss (Vice Chairman, Norfolk County Council), Colin Aldred (Norfolk County Council), Alison Cackett (Waveney District Council), Bert Poole (Suffolk County Council) and Shirley Weymouth (Great Yarmouth Borough Council).

Supporting officers present: Paul Banjo (Scrutiny Officer), Rebekah Butcher (Democratic Services Officer) and Maureen Orr (Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager).

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Carttiss, seconded by Councillor Alison Cackett, it was agreed that Councillor Michael Ladd be elected as Chairman for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ladd, seconded by Councillor Shirley Weymouth, it was agreed that Councillor Michael Carttiss be elected as Vice Chairman for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

There were no apologies received.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Colin Aldred declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6: GP practice premises in Gorleston and Bradwell consultation', by virtue of the fact he attended a surgery subject to the consultation.

5. Public Participation Session

The Joint Committee heard from the following members of the public.

Mr Jeff Keighley, Regional Organiser, Unison Norfolk and Suffolk Team spoke in relation to Agenda Item 7: 'Shape of the System' consultation. Mr Keighley informed the Joint Committee of his concerns regarding the need for the proposal and questioned whether the CCG had ever determined that existing services were not working. Mr Keighley also expressed concern that nothing had been discussed with staff; 24/7 hour working and about the closure of the Patrick

Stead. In conclusion, Mr Keighley informed the Joint Committee that UNISON was not opposed to a sensible case and urged the Committee to be careful of the proposal.

Mrs Jennifer Beesley, a member of the public, spoke in relation to Agenda Item 6: 'GP practice premises in Gorleston and Bradwell' consultation and Agenda Item 7: 'Shape of the System' consultation. Mrs Beesley informed the Joint Committee that it was important for the public to have access to good GPs and quality services which were maintained into the future. Mrs Beesley was concerned that the closure of community hospitals and beds would mean traveling greater distances. She questioned how long providers would be in business; that costs could not be capped; and equitability of services. In conclusion, Ms Beesley felt the inadequacy of services would be unacceptable and asked it to be looked at again.

Mr Patrick Thompson, a member of the public, spoke in relation to Agenda Item 6: 'GP practice premises in Gorleston and Bradwell' consultation. Mr Thompson informed the Joint Committee that the consultation response form was inadequate as it only allowed for one person per household to comment on the proposal. Mr Thompson felt that providing integrated teams in the community would be far better as members of the public would not need to attend hospital. He added that Shrublands was already earmarked for a permanent building and there was space on-site.

6. 'GP practice premises in Gorleston and Bradwell' consultation

At Agenda Item 6, the Joint Committee received a suggested approach from the Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager (Norfolk County Council) to a report from the NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) about its public consultation on GP practice premises in Gorleston and Bradwell.

The Chairman welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Dr Jamie Wyllie – Director of Clinical Transformation, Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG.

Kate Gill – Director of Operations, Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG.

Dr John Stammers – Chairman of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG.

Rebecca Driver – Director of Engagement, Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG

Members noted that the consultation was about the locations rather than the services, and asked questions about car parking; public transport facilities including bus services; accessibility by patients in Norfolk and Suffolk; the likely timescales for development and occupancy of new houses at Beacon park; the possibility of Section 106 Developers' Contributions toward a surgery; GP recruitment difficulties; and the likely timescales for NHS England implementing the proposed changes.

Recommendation: The Joint Committee agreed that the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee should receive the recommendations that the CCG makes to NHS England at its meeting on 13 November 2015, and the decisions that NHS England makes in response to those recommendations.

Reason for recommendation: The Joint Committee noted that whilst the GP premises were in Norfolk, there were patients impacted in both Norfolk and Suffolk.

Alternative options: There were none considered.

Declarations of interest: Councillor Colin Aldred declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 by virtue of the fact he attended a surgery subject to the consultation.

Dispensations: There were none noted.

7. 'Shape of the System' consultation

At Agenda Item 7, the Joint Committee received a suggested approach from the Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager (Norfolk County Council) to a report from the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) about its public consultation on 'The Shape of the System' – developing modern and sustainable health services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

The Chairman welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Dr Jamie Wyllie – Director of Clinical Transformation, Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG.

Kate Gill – Director of Operations, Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG.

Dr John Stammers – Chairman of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG.

Rebecca Driver – Director of Engagement, Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG

Members noted that the consultation proposed a new model of care, at home or as close to home as possible, as already trialled successfully with the Lowestoft Out-of-Hospital team.

Members asked questions about the interim/transitional arrangements and risks; concerns about the risk of Southwold and Patrick Stead hospital's closing before new beds are available; involvement of the staff affected by the consultation; travel and transport to the proposed intermediate beds in Beccles; public preferences about who provided various services; the relationship between GPs and specific care homes; the capacity and availability of the new 'beds with care'; outpatient services; and assurance that the provision would be in place before closure of community hospital beds.

A member drew attention to the proposed submission to the CCG from Great Yarmouth Borough Council, as agreed by its scrutiny committee on 15 July 2015.

Recommendation: The Joint Committee agreed that HealthEast take on board the need to give assurance that the new provision would be in place before closure of community hospital beds.

The Joint Committee also noted:

- a) Several members' concerns about the travel and transport implications of each of the options in the consultation documents.
- b) That the clarification that the proposed 'use of Beccles Hospital inpatient beds to provide an intermediate care facility' represented an additional tier of care that is not currently provided by community hospitals.
- c) That the clarification that the proposed 'beds with care' in local nursing and residential homes would be block-booked to ensure availability when needed.
- d) That a member would provide to the CCG any evidence of specific concerns regarding East Coast Community Healthcare staffing arrangements at Patrick Stead hospital.
- e) That a member would provide to the CCG details of a specific recent case of fragmented provision of care.
- f) That members were encouraged to watch the 'YouTube' videos associated with the consultation document:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPBhmZiL8qL6mZXYG0EyhIA>

Reason for recommendation: Members expressed concern around the potential closure of beds at the Southwold and Patrick Stead hospital's before alternative arrangements were made; although they accepted that there were often operational staffing issues outside of the CCGs control. The Joint Committee noted that the CCG would closely monitor the situation.

Alternative options: There were none considered.

Declarations of interest: There were none declared.

Dispensations: There were none noted.

8. Policing and mental health services

At Agenda Item 8, the Joint Committee received a suggested approach from the Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager (Norfolk County Council) to a report from the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on the different models of liaison between police and mental health services.

The Chairman welcomed the following witnesses to the meeting:

Michael Scott – Chief Executive, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Chris Galley – Inspector, Community Safety, Suffolk Constabulary

Amanda Ellis – Chief Inspector, Harm Reduction, Norfolk Constabulary

Members noted that the Control Room (Norfolk) and Triage Car (Suffolk) approaches were both good models, with different benefits, but that it was unlikely to be affordable to do both in the long term. Academic assessments were awaited by November and funding decisions would be required by March 2016.

Members asked about the frequency of occurrence of the scenario whereby the triage car gets diverted to a higher priority call not requiring a mental health

nurse, the staffing of the control room model, and autism training for police officers.

Recommendation: The Joint Committee commended the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and both Constabularies for the work done so far and awaited, in the next several months, the outcome of the objective academic evaluation of each of the approaches and the decision on the approach to be adopted in Great Yarmouth and Waveney from 2016 onwards.

Reason for recommendation: In neither case was there yet a proposal beyond 2015/16 in what form the service should continue. An independent evaluation was expected to be published over the coming months.

Alternative options: There were none considered.

Declarations of interest: There were none declared.

Dispensations: There were none noted.

9. Information Bulletin

The Joint Committee noted the information bulletin at Agenda Item 9.

10. Forward Work Programme

At Agenda Item 10, the Joint Committee considered its forward work programme.

Recommendation: The Joint Committee agreed:

- a) To consider the CCG's decisions following the 'Shape of the System' consultation at its meeting on 13 November 2015.
- b) To consider the CCG's decisions and proposal to NHS England following the 'GP practice premises in Gorleston and Waveney' consultation at its meeting on 13 November 2015.
- c) To be provided with an update report subject to confirmation from the CCG, on 'Adult and dementia mental health services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney'.
- d) Agreed the following dates for future meetings:
 - i) 22 January 2016;
 - ii) 15 April 2016; and
 - iii) 15 July 2016.

Reason for recommendation: The Joint Committee wanted an opportunity to further scrutinise the consultations.

Alternative options: There were none considered.

Declarations of interest: There were none declared.

Dispensations: There were none noted.

11. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 1:23 pm.

Chairman