

**GREAT YARMOUTH AND WAVENEY JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 July 2018**

Present:

Stephen Burroughes	Suffolk County Council
Elizabeth Gibson-Harries	Mid-Suffolk District Council
Nigel Legg	South Norfolk District Council
Jane Murray	Waveney District Council
Richard Price	Norfolk County Council

Also Present:

Cath Byford	Director of Commissioning and Deputy Chief Officer, NHS Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG
Ben Hogston	Deputy Director of Primary Care, NHS Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG
Dr Paul Berry	Retained GP Lead on Planned Care, NHS GY&W CCG
Kim Balls	Strategic Planning , Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Sam Hubbard	Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils
Ben Wright	Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils
Lorraine Rollo	NHS GY&W CCG
Jenny Beesley	East Coast Hospice (for item 7 regarding palliative/end of life care)
Darren Lane	East Coast Hospice
Dr Patrick Thompson PhD	Member of the Public (attending for item 6 regarding CCG Planning for Primary Care Capacity)
Richard Chilvers	Member of the public
L Jacklin	Member of the public
Robert Boardley	Member of the public
Cllr Sandra Gage	Suffolk County Council/Ipswich Borough Council
Sam Hubbard	East Suffolk Council
Maureen Orr	Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager, Norfolk County Council
Paul Banjo	Democratic Services, Suffolk County Council

1A Election of Chairman for 2018/19

1A.1 RESOLVED

That Dr Nigel Legg be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

1B Election of Vice-Chairman for 2018/19

1B.1 RESOLVED

That Mr Stephen Burroughes be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

2A Apologies for Absence

2A.1 An apology for absence was received from Mrs Emma Flaxman-Taylor. There were no substitute Members present.

2B Joint Committee Membership for 2018/19

2B.1 It was noted that the Members attending today's meeting from Suffolk were temporary appointments. After this meeting they were expected to be Stephen Burroughes, Jane Murray and Russ Rainger (Suffolk County Council) with Elizabeth Gibson-Harries (Mid Suffolk District Council) attending as a substitute member when any of the three named Suffolk Members were unavailable.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 April 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Public Participation Session

4A Palliative and End of Life Care

4A.1 With the permission of the Chairman, Mrs Jenny Beesley, East Coast Hospice, asked the Joint Committee to consider the issue of palliative and end of life care service provision in Great Yarmouth and Waveney at a future meeting. Mrs Beesley said that information in the yellow folders given to patients with life limiting conditions was out of date and inaccurate, that the Suffolk Public Health Report was one of the best in the country and better than the Norfolk one and that there was no specialist palliative care beds in Norfolk and Waveney, no hospice at home and no 24/7 outreach. She said that East Coast Hospice was fundraising to build a ten-bed specialist palliative care facility with day-care and complementary therapies for the people of Great Yarmouth and Waveney. East Coast Hospice had 7.54 acres of land on the Gorleston/Hopton border for this

purpose. Mrs Beesley said that the CCG should consider its response to the increasing demand for palliative and end of life care and the type of service it was able to provide to address the issue.

4A.2 The Vice-Chairman said that he shared Mrs Beesley's concerns and added that the James Paget Hospital did not have a specialist palliative and end of life care consultant, an issue which should be addressed.

4A.3 In reply, Cath Byford, Director of Commissioning and Deputy Chief Officer, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG, said that the CCG recognised that it needed to provide a palliative and end of life care service that supported people in the home as well as in a hospital setting. The CCG was working with the James Paget Hospital on the planning for this issue and in particular on providing access to 24/7 specialist advice on palliative and end of life care issues from April 2019.

4B CCG Planning for Primary Care Capacity

4B.1 With the permission of the Chairman, Dr Patrick Thompson PhD, a member of the public, spoke about CCG Planning for Primary Care Capacity (agenda item 6). He drew the Joint Committee's attention to the comments at page 16 of the agenda by NHS Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG about the housing developments and significant population growth that was intended for both the Gorleston, north Lowestoft and south Waveney areas and as a result of this the CCG had identified specific areas for core capital investment "over the coming years". Dr Thompson said that he had heard the remark "over the coming years" many times before and hoped that this meant there was no set time scale because he wanted to be assured that the planning would not have (as in previous times) a "so many years plan" deadline which could not be implemented because either time or resources or both had run out.

4B.2 Dr Thompson then said that the CCG should make clear:

- What would happen to the 12 objectives identified in the CCG report if the capital bid to NHS England failed.
- The CCG's plans for the development of the Greyfriars site, the cost implications and the purpose.
- How "Health and Well-Being" would be developed in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area and be core to future planning and fit in with the work of Health and Well-Being Boards.
- If the forthcoming consultation about the Shrubland site would be any different from that undertaken in 2015 when development plans were approved but were not implemented.
- What was meant by the words "engender professional collaboration/other synergies through co-location" that were used by the CCG in paragraph 3 of their report.

4B.3 The Chairman thanked Dr Thompson for his comments and asked the speakers from the CCG if they would like to respond when the Joint Committee considered the issue further at item 6 on the agenda.

5 Declarations of Interest

- 5.1** Stephen Burroughes declared an “other interest” in the item on CCG Planning for Primary Care Capacity in relation to his councillor role at Suffolk Coastal District Council, where he was a member of one of the planning/development related ‘shadow’ teams set up in preparation for the new East Suffolk Council next year, from the merger of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils.

6 CCG Planning for Primary Care Capacity

- 6.1** The Joint Committee received a suggested approach from the Scrutiny Officer at Suffolk County Council to an update report from Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG on CCG Planning for Primary Care Capacity.

- 6.2** The Committee received evidence from Cath Byford, Director of Commissioning and Deputy Chief Officer, NHS Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG, Ben Hogston, Deputy Director of Primary Care, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG, Dr Paul Berry, Retained GP Lead on Planned Care, NHS GY&W CCG, Kim Balls, Strategic Planning , Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Sam Hubbard, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils, and Ben Wright, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils.

- 6.3** In the course of discussion the following key points were noted:

- The speakers said that the CCG had previously been unable to obtain the level of capital investment from NHS England that was needed to make significant improvements in premises at the Shrublands site in Gorleston.
- The outcome of current bids to funding authorities such as NHS England would be essential in developing a robust and comprehensive estates plan for the Shrublands site. Current proposals, led by adult social care at Norfolk County Council, included the possibility of Council buildings that were leased for health related purposes and a supported housing project to replace existing accommodation that was no longer fit for purpose.
- A Shrublands Campus Group had been set up to drive forward infrastructure improvements in the area and to access funding from a wider range of funding sources than was the case in the past.
- The planning exercise was scheduled to run until September 2018 and to include consultation with stakeholders through workshops and one to one consultations with interested parties.
- Members referred to the considerable amount of new housing that was due to be built in some areas of Great Yarmouth and Waveney and stressed how important it was that the NHS made appropriate responses to Local Authorities regarding the implications of planning applications.
- In reply to questions, the speakers from the CCG said that there were GP practices in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area that had merged following multiple GP retirements.
- The CCG had recently approved an investment in revenue to enable the merger of two practices in Gorleston at Millwood and Falkland Surgeries that were now called “the Millwood Partnership.”
- The planning officers from Great Yarmouth Borough Council and Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (“East Suffolk Council”) explained how they worked closely with prescribed bodies, including CCGs and NHS England, as well as other local authorities, to cooperate on strategic cross boundary matters such as health infrastructure and/or the demand for

healthcare services.

- The planning officers said that Waveney District Council maintained a 5 year supply of housing but Great Yarmouth did not have a 5 year supply of land.
- Great Yarmouth BC would consult with the CCG and James Paget Hospital on Part 2 of its Local Development Plan in August 2018 and continue to attend CCG infrastructure meetings two or three times in a year.
- Approximately nine thousand new homes were planned for the Waveney area during the plan period 2014- 2036. This had a significant impact on the demand for future health infrastructure. In progressing the Waveney Local Development Plan care needed to be taken to ensure that emerging planning policies did not have an adverse impact on existing and planned health and social care provision.
- Sam Hubbard of East Suffolk Council offered to provide information after the meeting on how the local NHS responded to East Suffolk Council's consultations on planning applications. *(Note by Committee Officer: After the meeting Sam Hubbard pointed out that Waveney routinely consulted the CCG on all applications above 10 dwellings. The Council had very few of these applications each year and the CCG had only commented on one application recently for 200 dwellings at Chediston Street in Halesworth. Unfortunately the Council did not keep detailed statistics on responses to applications).*
- The speakers from the CCG said that to meet national standards from 1st October 2018 the CCG would commission general medical services from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and provide services at weekends. GP practices were working together to pilot these services and to ensure they strengthened and complemented their 'in hours' services, especially given some of the workforce constraints currently being experienced. Services were most likely to be based in hubs and would be designed to provide the full range of services for patients. It was expected that this should lead to a reduction in inappropriate A&E attendances as access for patients improved.
- Members' drew attention to the situation at Woods Meadow, Oulton Broad, where those living in the area were having difficulty in accessing GP appointments. There was an expectation that a new GP surgery was needed in this area as a result of an extended housing development and the closure of Oulton Broad Medical Centre. Cath Byford said that she would provide Members with details about CCG plans for the Woods Meadow area.
- Members also drew attention to the current roll out of community services in the South Waveney area and when the CCG's plans for the development of the Greyfriars site at Great Yarmouth would be made known and asked to be kept informed of developments via the information bulletin.
- The Chairman used his discretion to allow Dr Patrick Thompson PhD, a member of the public, the opportunity to ask further questions of the speakers (about issues raised at minute 4B.2) during the Committee's consideration of this item.

6.4 The Joint Committee **noted** the information presented by the CCG and the planning officers from Great Yarmouth Borough and Suffolk Coastal and

6.5 The Joint Committee **agreed** to seek additional information on the following:

- How the NHS responded to consultations on planning applications in the Waveney District. (*Note: the comment that was received after the meeting is included for ease of reference in italics within minute 6.4*).
- Health provision for the Woods Meadow development, Oulton Broad.

7A Information Only Items

7A.1 The Joint Committee **noted** information on the following subjects:

- a) End-of-Life Care**
- b) Outcome of the Social Prescribing Pilot**
- c) Staff survey results at the James Paget University Hospital**
- d) Norfolk and Waveney STP Update**

7B The Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG Rated as “Good” by NHS England

7B.1 The Joint Committee was pleased to hear that NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG had been rated as “good” by NHS England in the CCG improvement and assessment framework annual assessment for 2017/18. This was seen as good news for the CCG and a credit to the hard work of the staff.

8 Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Joint Committee **agreed** the forward work programme as set out in the report subject to the following:

26 October 2018.

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Service (ME/CFS).

- The report to focus on the CCGs’ and East Coast Community Healthcare’s (ECCH) work to improve the quality of the current service for Norfolk and Suffolk.
- The report to include details of the information provided to GPs on ME/CFS and the information available to the public from GPs, hospitals and ECCH.

12 July 2019.

The addition of ‘Palliative and End of Life Care – progress with service provision in Great Yarmouth and Waveney’.

- Progress with service provision in Great Yarmouth and Waveney (since the information bulletin on 13 July 2018).

9 Date of next scheduled meeting and future meetings

9.1 It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee would be held at the Riverside Campus, Lowestoft on Friday, 26 October 2018 at 10.30

am.

- 9.2 It was also noted that Norfolk County Council intended to change to a Cabinet system of governance from May 2019. This could have implications for the programme of Joint Committee meeting dates beyond April 2019 which would have to be finalised when Norfolk County Council's new calendar of meetings dates was published.

The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm.

CHAIRMAN



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