

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at 10.00 am
Room 2&3 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

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Membership

Chair - Councillor Jane Hanna OBE
Deputy Chair - District Councillor Elizabeth Poskitt

<i>Councillors:</i>	Nigel Champken-Woods	Nick Leverton	Michael O'Connor
	Jenny Hannaby	Mark Lygo	Freddie van Mierlo
<i>District Councillors:</i>	Paul Barrow	Katharine Keats-Rohan	
	Douglas	McLean	
<i>Co-optees:</i>	Siana Ahmed	Barbara Shaw	

Date of next meeting: 8 February 2024

Notes:

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Martin Reeves
Chief Executive

January 2024

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- Any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area of its local authorities.
- Health issues, systems or economics, not just services provided, commissioned or managed by the NHS.

How can I have my say?

We welcome the views of the community on any issues in relation to the responsibilities of this Committee. Members of the public may ask to speak on any item on the agenda or may suggest matters which they would like the Committee to look at. **Requests to speak must be submitted to the Committee Officer no later than 9 am on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

About the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Joint Committee is made up of 15 members. Twelve of them are Councillors, seven from Oxfordshire County Council, and one from each of the District Councils – Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, Oxford City, Vale of White Horse, and South Oxfordshire. Three people can be co-opted to the Joint Committee to bring a community perspective. It is administered by the County Council. Unlike other local authority Scrutiny Committees, the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee involves looking 'outwards' and across agencies. Its focus is on health, and while its main interest is likely to be the NHS, it may also look at services provided by local councils which have an impact on health.

About Health Scrutiny

Health Scrutiny is about:

- Providing a challenge to the NHS and other organisations that provide health care
- Examining how well the NHS and other relevant organisations are performing
- Influencing the Cabinet on decisions that affect local people
- Representing the community in NHS decision making, including responding to formal consultations on NHS service changes
- Helping the NHS to develop arrangements for providing health care in Oxfordshire
- Promoting joined up working across organisations
- Looking at the bigger picture of health care, including the promotion of good health
- Ensuring that health care is provided to those who need it the most

Health Scrutiny is NOT about:

- Making day to day service decisions
- Investigating individual complaints.

What does this Committee do?

The Committee meets up to 5 times a year or more. It develops a work programme, which lists the issues it plans to investigate. These investigations can include whole committee investigations undertaken during the meeting, or reviews by a panel of members doing research and talking to lots of people outside of the meeting. Once an investigation is completed the Committee provides its advice to the relevant part of the Oxfordshire (or wider) NHS system and/or to the Cabinet, the full Councils or scrutiny committees of the relevant local authorities. Meetings are open to the public and all reports are available to the public unless exempt or confidential, when the items would be considered in closed session.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, giving as much notice as possible before the meeting

A hearing loop is available at County Hall.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
- 2. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page**
- 3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 22)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023 and to receive information arising from them.

- 4. Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**

Members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting can attend the meeting in person or 'virtually' through an online connection.

To facilitate 'hybrid' meetings we are asking that requests to speak or present a petition are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e., 9am on Wednesday 10th January. Requests to speak should be sent to scrutiny@oxfordshire.gov.uk

If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that your views are taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9am 2 working days before the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

5. Chair's Update (Pages 23 - 48)

Cllr Hanna will provide a verbal update on relevant issues since the last meeting.

There are three documents attached to this item:

1. A report (with recommendations from HOSC) submitted to Oxfordshire CAMHS.
2. A document containing HOSC feedback on the most recent Health and Wellbeing Strategy Document for Oxfordshire.
3. A letter on Epilepsy Medication which has been made available to National Policymakers (please see more detail on this below).

One matter that was advised to the committee in June last year regarding medicines and epilepsy has since been communicated as a central safety alert [CAS-ViewAlert \(mhra.gov.uk\)](https://www.mhra.gov.uk). A letter has been sent by two leading epilepsy charities, Epilepsy Action and SUDEP Action (Oxfordshire based); to the Neurological Alliance who has made this available to national policy makers. Epilepsy Action, SUDEP Action, and Neurological Alliance have requested that this letter be tabled urgently at Oxfordshire JHOSC because of the deadline for ICB action plans in this matter by 31st January. And the likely impacts on Oxfordshire patients, clinicians, and NHS management.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the committee delegates this matter to the scrutiny officer and Chair to:

1. Liaise with the ICB with a view to an update about the ICB response to the alert and required local action plan to date, and consideration of the suggestion by patient charities that a delay is sought to implementation of this measure because of the severe pressures in the NHS and until adequate resources can be made available to local systems. This is based on an understanding of the likely impacts and how best to support clinicians, patients, and managers.
2. Write a letter to the Chair of the Parliamentary Health Scrutiny Committee requesting consideration of scrutiny of the latest safety alert given; the proposed timescales for implementation, the lack of a national impact assessment, or the lack of resources to support the new requirements.

The Committee is recommended to **NOTE** the Chair's update having raised any relevant questions.

6. Wantage Community Hospital Update (Pages 49 - 142)

Daniel Leveson (BOB ICB Place Director, Oxfordshire); Lucy Fenton (Transformation Lead – Primary, Community & Dental Care Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust); Susannah Butt (Transformation Director- Primary, Community and Dental Care, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust); Dr Ben Riley (Executive Managing Director- Primary, Community and Dental Care, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust); have been invited to present the final co-produced report providing details on both the outcomes of the Public Engagement Exercise around Wantage Community Hospital, as well as on the final offer as to which specific services will be provided at the Hospital following the closure of the in-patient beds in 2016.

Based on the feedback of the HOSC Substantial Change Working Group (to be provided verbally during the meeting on January 16th), the Committee will be required to **AGREE** on:

1. Whether or not to declare the closure of beds at Wantage Community Hospital as a Substantial Change, and,
2. Whether or not to refer to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care the matter of the closure of beds at Wantage Community Hospital.

PLEASE NOTE the following:

The Committee's Substantial Change Working Group will be meeting on Friday 12th January, where it will be making its final decision on what it will be recommending to the wider HOSC on 16th January. The reasoning behind the Working Group meeting being scheduled at a date that is close to the formal HOSC meeting on the 16th is due to the fact that it is pivotal that the Working Group and the wider HOSC take the outcomes of the Wantage Town Council Health Committee Public Meeting on 11th January into account prior to making a formal decision on whether or not to; refer this matter to the secretary of state and as to whether or not to declare the closure of the in-patient beds at Wantage Community Hospital as a Substantial Change.

The following documents are attached to this item:

1. A report by the Health Scrutiny Officer, outlining the context and explanations as to what it is the Committee will be required to decide on during this item.
2. The final co-produced report on Wantage Community Hospital outlining the outcome of the Public Engagement Exercise and the next steps and recommendations.
3. A list of appendices including; a list of outpatient services delivered at Wantage Community Hospital, the HOSC History of the hospital, a Map of Community hospital inpatient locations, and a statement of support from Oxfordshire County Council on the recommendations being proposed as to how to configure the future services at Wantage Community Hospital.

4. A report by Verve, the independent facilitator used for supporting the Public Engagement Exercise.
5. A letter of support from the Chief Executive of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on the recommendations being proposed as to how to configure the future services at Wantage Community Hospital.

7. Support for People Leaving Hospital; an update on the Oxfordshire Way (Pages 143 - 152)

Karen Fuller (Director, Adult Social Care) and Ian Bottomley (Lead Commissioner, Age Well); have been invited to present a report on the Oxfordshire Way and the support provided to people leaving hospital.

The Committee is invited to consider the report, raise any questions and **AGREE** any recommendations arising it may wish to make.

8. Response to HOSC Recommendations (Pages 153 - 156)

HOSC has received acceptances and responses to each of the FOUR Recommendations made by the Committee during its item on Winter Planning in its meeting on 21 September 2023.

The Committee is recommended to **NOTE** the responses.

9. Forward Work Plan (Pages 157 - 158)

To **AGREE** the Committee's proposed work programme for the upcoming meetings throughout the remainder of the 2023/24 civic year, having raised any questions.

10. Actions and Recommendations Tracker (Pages 159 - 180)

The Committee is recommended to **NOTE** the progress made against agreed actions and recommendations having raised any questions.

Councillors declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed 'Declarations of Interest' or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (i.e. payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member 'must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself' and that 'you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned'.

Members Code – Other registrable interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your other registerable interests then you must declare an interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person's quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

Other registrable interests include:

- a) Any unpaid directorships
- b) Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority.

- c) Any body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

Members Code – Non-registrable interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under other registrable interests, then you must declare the interest.

In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied:

Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- a) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest.

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.