

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 7 July 2011 at 10.00 am
County Hall

Membership

Chairman - Councillor Dr Peter Skolar
Deputy Chairman -

Councillors: Jenny Hannaby Don Seale Keith Strangwood
John Sanders C.H. Shouler Lawrie Stratford

District Councillors: Susanna Pressel Hilary Hibbert-Biles Rose Stratford
Jane Hanna Christopher Hood

Co-optees: Dr Harry Dickinson Ann Tomline Mrs A. Wilkinson

Notes: *There will be a pre-meeting at 9.00 a.m. for members of the Committee only*
Date of next meeting: 15 September 2011

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 below no later than 9 am on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

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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 6 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. Election of Deputy Chairman**
- 3. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page**
- 4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)**

To approve the minutes (**JH04**) of the meeting held on 19 May 2011 and to note for information any matters arising from them.

- 5. Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**

- 6. Public Health**

10.15

The regular report from the Director of Public Health on matters of relevance and interest.

- 7. Restructuring the NHS - update following the end of the listening exercise**

10.35

The Government's "listening exercise" has finished and the report of the NHS Future Forum was published on June 13. Following this, the Prime Minister announced a number of changes to the NHS Bill. Among the main changes are:

- Scrapping the primary role of the regulator, Monitor, to promote competition - and focusing on improving patient choice instead
- Relaxing the 2013 deadline for new GP commissioning arrangements to be introduced - a National Commissioning Board, based in Leeds, will control budgets until GP groups are "able and willing" to take over
- Strengthening the power of Health and Well-being Boards to oversee commissioning and giving patients a greater role on them
- Retaining a lead role for GPs in decision-making, but boosting the role of other professionals such as hospital doctors and nurses alongside them

Ronan O'Connor, Director of Communications and Patient Information for the Oxfordshire/Buckinghamshire PCT cluster, will explain what effects the changes might have on the structure of the NHS in Oxfordshire.

8. Bicester and Henley Community Hospitals

11.15

Ronan O'Connor will provide an update on progress in developing the new community hospitals in Bicester and Henley.

9. The South West Oxfordshire Whole Systems Pilot (Abingdon & Vale) (Pages 13 - 20)

11.35

The "Whole System Pilot" is testing a new health and social care model of urgent care that aims to provide care closer to home for patients who might otherwise have gone to hospital. The pilot provides services for adults within the pilot area.

The aims of the pilot are to –

- improve co-ordination across health and social care services to provide high quality, responsive and timely access to urgent care services when needed – in and out of hours
- provide assessment, diagnosis and care in or very near to the patient's own home wherever clinically appropriate in order to reduce admission to acute hospital
- facilitate prompt supported discharge from acute hospital
- support patients in maintaining their independence and links with everyday activities and contacts with family, carers, friends etc.

The pilot began in the autumn of 2010 and Anne Brierley, Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) & Transition Manager and Colin Thompson Director of QIPP & Performance for the Oxfordshire/Buckinghamshire PCT Cluster will present the attached report (**JHO9**) on progress to date and future steps.

10. Dental Health Inequalities Amongst Children

12.05

In his Annual Report for 2010, the Director of Public Health for Oxfordshire pointed out that the last national survey of 5 year olds (2007/2008) indicated that although Oxfordshire as a whole was better than the England average, children living in Oxford and Cherwell had higher than the National average levels of tooth decay. This compared unfavourably with children in other areas of the county and underlined the familiar pattern of inequality seen in Oxfordshire.

Nicky Wadely, Deputy Head of Primary Care Contracted Services at the PCT, will provide an update on dental services and dental health inequalities and describe what has been done in recent years to improve access to NHS dental services. A paper (**JHO10**) will follow.

11. Oxfordshire LINK Group – Information Share (Pages 21 - 22)

12.45

The regular update from the Oxfordshire LINK is attached (**JHO11**). Adrian Chant and Sue Butterworth from the LINK will be in attendance to answer any questions that

members may have.

12. Chairman's Report
13.00

13.15 Close of meeting

Declarations of Interest

This note briefly summarises the position on interests which you must declare at the meeting. Please refer to the Members' Code of Conduct in Part 9.1 of the Constitution for a fuller description.

The duty to declare ...

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, ie where the matter affects (either positively or negatively):

- (i) any of the financial and other interests which you are required to notify for inclusion in the statutory Register of Members' Interests; or
- (ii) your own well-being or financial position or that of any member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association more than it would affect other people in the County.

Whose interests are included ...

"Member of your family" in (ii) above includes spouses and partners and other relatives' spouses and partners, and extends to the employment and investment interests of relatives and friends and their involvement in other bodies of various descriptions. For a full list of what "relative" covers, please see the Code of Conduct.

When and what to declare ...

The best time to make any declaration is under the agenda item "Declarations of Interest". Under the Code you must declare not later than at the start of the item concerned or (if different) as soon as the interest "becomes apparent".

In making a declaration you must state the nature of the interest.

Taking part if you have an interest ...

Having made a declaration you may still take part in the debate and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a "prejudicial" interest.

"Prejudicial" interests ...

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would think so significant as to be likely to affect your judgment of the public interest.

What to do if your interest is prejudicial ...

If you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under consideration, you may remain in the room but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter under consideration, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

Exceptions ...

There are a few circumstances where you may regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest or may participate even though you may have one. These, together with other rules about participation in the case of a prejudicial interest, are set out in paragraphs 10 – 12 of the Code.

Seeking Advice ...

It is your responsibility to decide whether any of these provisions apply to you in particular circumstances, but you may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.