

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 15 September 2011 at 10.00 am
County Hall

Membership

Chairman - Councillor Dr Peter Skolar

Deputy Chairman - District Councillor Dr Christopher Hood (South Oxfordshire)

<i>Councillors:</i>	Jenny Hannaby Val Smith	Don Seale C.H. Shouler	Keith Strangwood Lawrie Stratford
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<i>District Councillors:</i>	Hilary Hibbert-Biles (West Oxfordshire)	Susanna Pressel (Oxford City)	Rose Stratford (Cherwell)
<i>Co-optees:</i>	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: 10 November 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.**

For more information about this Committee please contact:

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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. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page**
- 3. Minutes**

To approve the minutes (**JHO3**) of the meeting held on 7 July 2011 and to note for information any matters arising from them.

- 4. Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**

- 5. Public Health**

10.10

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

- 6. South Central Ambulance Service - update on performance**

10.30

The Chief Executive of the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust (SCAS), Will Hancock, will provide members with an update on the performance of SCAS in Oxfordshire. He will also talk about changes to national performance targets.

Mr Hancock will be joined by John Black, SCAS Medical Director; John Nichols, Divisional Director for Oxfordshire and Duncan Burke, Director of Communications and Public Engagement.

- 7. Ridgeway Partnership Merger/Acquisition (Pages 1 - 6)**

11.00

Following discussions with South Central Strategic Health Authority, the Ridgeway Partnership (Oxfordshire Learning Disability NHS Trust) Board announced at their Board meeting on 31 March 2011 that the Trust will not be taking its stand-alone Foundation Trust application forward.

The decision by the Board is a consequence of the way that Monitor (the organisation responsible for regulating NHS Foundation Trusts) now assesses the financial forecasts of aspiring Foundation Trusts in the light of the changed economic climate.

Therefore the Trust will be looking to enter into some form of partnership with another organisation. Oxfordshire County Council commissions some 65% of Ridgeway's

current business.

The Chief Executive of the Trust, John Morgan and the County Council's Pooled Budget Manager for Learning Disability services, Ann Nursey will explain the latest position and notify members of the plans for the way ahead.

A copy of the presentation is attached (**JHO7**).

8. Reconfiguration of the Gynaecology Service at the Horton Hospital

11.20

The Gynaecology Service at the Horton General Hospital (HGH) delivers elective and emergency care to the local population north of Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties. The Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust recently announced a number of changes to the service. This is one of a number of developments that have taken place since the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) report in 2008. Further developments are planned.

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the gynaecology service changes and to consider a major item for the November agenda aimed at reviewing what has happened at the HGH since 2008 and whether the recommendations of the IRP are being met.

9. Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England (Pages 7 - 20)

11.50

Following the consultation on paediatric cardiac surgery services, Safe and Sustainable has issued an independent report on the outcome of the consultation. This provides the Committee with an opportunity to add to their earlier submission should they wish to. A copy of the Executive Summary from the consultation report (**JHO9a**) and the original HOSC response to the consultation (**JHO9b**) are attached for information.

This additional consultation will run until 5 October 2011 following which the Joint Committee of PCTs (JCPCT) will make a decision on the future configuration of children's congenital heart services in England. The outcome of the JCPCT deliberations is expected to be published in November 2011.

10. Chipping Norton Hospital - Update on position following the letter to Secretary of State (Pages 21 - 26)

12.05

At the July OJHOSC meeting members agreed that a letter should be sent to the Secretary of State for Health seeking Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) intervention on the issue of staff employment at Chipping Norton Hospital.

Subsequently a copy of a letter from the Chair of the South Central Strategic Health

Authority to the MP for Witney was forwarded to the Chairman of the HOSC. The letter, which is attached (**JHO10a**) stated that "all remaining issues" about the management of the hospital should be resolved by the end of August. Clarification has been sought from the Chief Executives of the PCT and Oxford Health about just what that statement means.

Members will be brought up to date on what has happened since the letter (attached **JHO10b**) was sent to the SoS

11. Future work programme

12.20

At the July HOSC meeting members asked for clarification of possible ways to make progress with two items for the work programme; Prison GP Services and Alcohol Addiction Services.

This item will provide an opportunity to consider options for taking the work forward.

12. Oxfordshire LINK Group – Information Share (Pages 27 - 30)

12.35

The regular update from the Oxfordshire LINK is attached. LINK representatives will be at the meeting to answer questions if required.

13. Chairman's Report

12.50

The Chairman will report on meetings etc that have taken place since the previous HOSC 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, i.e. 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.