

# Notice of Meeting



## Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 10.00 am  
County Hall

### Membership

Chairman - Councillor Dr Peter Skolar

Deputy Chairman - District Councillor Richard Langridge

<b>Councillors:</b>	Tim Hallchurch MBE	Ray Jelf	Don Seale
	Jenny Hannaby	John Sanders	Lawrie Stratford

<b>District Councillors:</b>	Susanna Pressel	Jane Hanna
	Christopher Hood	Rose Stratford

<b>Co-optees:</b>	Ann Tomline	Dr Harry Dickinson	Mrs A. Wilkinson
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**Notes:** *There will be a pre-meeting for members of the Committee only at 9.00am on 11 March.*  
*Date of next meeting: 20 May 2010*

### 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.

Health Scrutiny complements the work of the Patient and Public involvement Forums that exist for each of the NHS Trusts and Primary Care Trusts in Oxfordshire.

### 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 of the meeting held on 21 January 2010 (**JHO3**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

- 4. Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**
- 5. Oxfordshire LINK Group – Information Share**

**10.10 am**

There will be a verbal report on the Oxfordshire LINK activities to date.

- 6. Public Health**

**10.20 am**

Report by the Director of Public Health on matters of relevance and interest.

- 7. Oxford Drug Rehabilitation Project**

**10.40 am**

At the last meeting of this Committee the Oxfordshire Local Involvement Network (LINK) made reference to the closure in 2007 of the Oxford Drug Recovery Project (DRP). Members of the OJHOSC were concerned by what they heard from the LINK particularly as it appeared that there had been no consultation when the closure of the DRP had taken place. Furthermore, undertakings had been given to reopen the DRP but , to date, there had been no action.

Members decided to defer full consideration of the report until this meeting so that additional contributors could be invited to enable a rounded picture to be developed.

Richard Lohman and Adrian Chant from the LINK will attend again for this item. In addition the following people will attend the meeting to provide background to the past and future of the DRP:

- Jo Melling, DAAT Director;
- Alan Webb, PCT Director of Service Redesign;
- Darren Worthington, Chief Executive of SMART, a charity working to reduce drug and alcohol use in Oxfordshire;
- Glenda Daniels, service user involvement coordinator of an independent charity that represents drug and alcohol service users; and
- Dr Angela Jones who is a GP who worked from 1999 – 2007 in the Luther Street Medical Centre in Oxford providing drug and alcohol services for people experiencing homelessness in Oxford.

A copy of the LINK report from the January meeting is attached at **JHO7(a)** together with a report from the DAAT (**JHO7(b)**).

## **8. The Demographic Challenge**

**11.40 am**

Members will recall the work that was done on the subject of the “demographic challenge” a joint working group comprising members from the HOSC and the Social and Community Services Scrutiny Committee. Their work resulted in a report that contained a number of “red flags” and members would be interested to know what progress has been made in dealing with the concerns raised in the report. The summary of the report that was accepted by the Cabinet in January last year is attached for your information at **JHO8(a)**.

Furthermore, and closely related to the above, the papers “Successful Ageing in Oxfordshire: a high level strategy” **JHO8(b)** and the associated “Proposal for Integrated Planning and Commissioning Arrangements for Ageing Successfully” are attached at **JHO8(c)**.

The following people will attend for this item in order to provide a report on progress and also to inform the Committee about how they intend to come together in order to contribute to the work on the demographic challenge:

Councillor Jim Couchman, Joint Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board;

John Jackson, Director of Social & Community Services;

Alan Webb, PCT Director of Service Redesign;

Marie Seaton, Head of Joint Commissioning (Older People);

Nick Welch, Head of Major Programmes in Social & Community Services; and  
Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health.

## **9. Access to primary physical health care for people with mental health problems living in rural areas**

**12.40 pm**

At the 21 January meeting this Committee agreed to proceed with this project and to convene a working group to undertake the task. A progress report will be given.

## **10. Chairman's Report**

**12.45 pm**

The Chairman will report on meetings he has attended with representatives from:

- Community Health Oxfordshire (CHO);
- The Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust; and
- The Ridgeway Trust.

## **11. Information Share**

**12.55 pm**

No items have been received to date.

## **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 Section DD 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.