

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 16 September 2010 at 10.00 am
County Hall

Membership

Chairman - Councillor Dr Peter Skolar
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Susanna Pressel

Councillors: Tim Hallchurch MBE Neil Owen Don Seale
Jenny Hannaby John Sanders Lawrie Stratford

District Councillors: Christopher Hood Rose Stratford
Jane Hanna OBE Hilary Fenton

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

Notes: *There will be a pre-meeting for members of the Committee at 9:00 am on 16 September 2010.*
There will be a lunch provided for members at 12:45 pm.
Date of next meeting: 11 November 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.**

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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 8 July 2010 (**JHO3**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

4. **Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**
5. **Liberating the NHS - the White Paper on Health**

10.30 am

The recent White Paper and other related consultation papers set out a whole series of radical proposals for change to the NHS. The White Paper is now out for consultation with responses required by 11 October 2010. The proposals can be grouped together under three main headings:

Consideration of the White Paper will be in three parts:

Adult Social Care – A paper by the Director of Social & Community Services entitled 'Health White Paper' is attached at **JHO 5(a)**.

Public Health

A report by the Director of Public Health is attached at **JHO 5(b)**.

Implications for Oxfordshire County Council and the Implementation of the Proposals – to include the implications for the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and for the Health & Well Being Partnership Board – current and future. A report by the Health Scrutiny Advisor is attached at **JHO 5(c)**.

A wide range of speakers from Health, the County Council and other interested organisations have been invited to address the Committee on the issues raised by the proposals.

Members of the Committee will be asked to consider their response to the consultation.

A copy of the White Paper entitled 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' is enclosed together with two associated consultation papers entitled 'Liberating the NHS: Commissioning for Patients' and 'Liberating the NHS: Local democratic legitimacy in Health'.

6. Lessons from the IRP Review: The Importance of Community Engagement

12.00 noon

The Better Healthcare Programme for Banbury and the surrounding area has been a major community engagement project. With the advent of the White Paper, and talk of a 'Big Society', how can lessons learnt locally help to ensure that health services are designed and delivered with, and for, patients and the public? Julia Cartwright, Chair of the Community Partnership Forum, will share insights into the benefits of, and barriers to, collaborative working.

A copy of Julia Cartwright's presentation entitled 'Lessons from an IRP Review: The Importance of Community Engagement' is attached at **JHO 6**.

LUNCH

7. Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (NOC) - update

13:15 pm

The Chief Executive of the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre will speak to the Committee on the Centre's present position and its possible future position.

8. The Discharge of Patients from Acute Hospitals

13:45 pm

Representatives from Patient Voice, (a group of members of the former Oxfordshire Radcliffe Hospitals Trust (ORH) Patient & Public Involvement Forum), will present their report, which was been commissioned by the Oxfordshire LINK, on Discharge Procedures. They will be accompanied by a representative from the Oxfordshire LINK Steering Group.

Copies of the papers submitted by Patient Voice are attached at **JHO 8**.

9. Oxfordshire LINK Group – Information Share

2.15 pm

An update of the latest Oxfordshire LINK activity is attached at **JHO 9**.

10. Chairman's Report

2.30 pm

The Chairman will report on the meetings he has attended since the last 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.