

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 11 November 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 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 9.00am on 11 November.*
Date of next meeting: 20 January 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.

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

- 4. Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**
- 5. Intermediate Care**

10.10 am

In August this year, the County Council/NHS Pooled Budget Joint Management Group had decided to end a contract for short term Intermediate Care beds at Watlington Care Home. Following that, the County Council and the PCT had received a number of objections to the decision. In response to the objections, the Joint Management Group had decided to suspend the decision to end the contract, pending a review of the joint Intermediate Care Strategy.

The review will report its findings and recommendations to the next Joint Management Group on 12 November. The Joint Management Group will then decide how to proceed in respect of intermediate care in general and the Watlington beds in particular.

Paul Purnell, Head of Adult Social Care, Oxfordshire County Council, will attend for this item and members of the Committee will have the opportunity to scrutinise the policy decision and rationale.

- 6. Remembrance Day Service**

10.45 am

There will be a 30 minute break for attendance at the Remembrance Day Service in the Common Hall Café, if wished.

7. Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust

11.15 am

As part of a series of items of business aimed at bringing members of the Committee up to date on the position of local NHS Trusts, Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust will give an update on both the current situation and how he sees the future for the Trust.

8. Creating a Healthy Oxfordshire

11.45 am

Oxfordshire's NHS organisations and the County and District Councils are working together to try to ensure the continued provision of high quality and sustainable health and social care services. In the face of reductions to funding, the health and social care services need to respond to increasing demand, patient expectations and advances in technology and medicines. The plan is to improve the quality and value for money of health services provided in Oxfordshire in a way that will keep the system in financial balance. This will involve re-designing the wide range of health care services currently provided throughout Oxfordshire. Catherine Mountford, Director of Strategy & Quality, Oxfordshire PCT, will bring the Committee up to date on developments.

A report, produced by Catherine Mountford, is attached at **JHO8**.

9. The Future of the LINK Contract

12.25 pm

Lisa Gregory, Social & Community Services, Oxfordshire County Council, will talk about the future for LINK and HealthWatch. The host organisation's contract is due to finish at the end of March next year, but HealthWatch (the replacement for the LINK - as outlined in the Health White Paper) is not due to come into existence until April 2012. This item should provide an opportunity for members to express a view on the future of the contract, in particular during the period between the end of the present host contract and the start of HealthWatch.

10. Chairman's Report

12.55 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.