

JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 April 2022

CHAIR'S UPDATE REPORT BY CLLR JANE HANNA

1. Membership and officers of the committee

Eddie Scott, health scrutiny officer, sadly has resigned to take up a senior democratic officer position in a local authority close to where he resides. The committee met with Eddie to thank him for the excellent support he has given the committee over the last nine months.

Tom Hudson, who has supported the committee in the past will be providing interim support. I have worked closely with Eddie and Tom on transition arrangements. The post was advertised in March and the committee has been kept informed of progress on recruitment.

I have also been working with Tom Hudson on recruitment of co-opted members to the committee.

2. Wantage Hospital:

Substantial Change Toolkit: The sub-committee met to review. Oxfordshire Health and the ICB requested a change of date to meet the sub-committee because this coincided with the week of strike action. It was agreed because of this that an extraordinary meeting of JHOSC would need to be held to consider the substantial change Toolkit in May.

Connect Health: I followed up on concerns raised at a health sub-committee that physiotherapy services were not being provided at Wantage Hospital due to a lack of staff. I have been subsequently reassured that there are 3 clinics available within Wantage Hospital that are 100% utilised. Specialist clinics that are running from Wantage Community Hospital are Pelvic Health Physiotherapy; Podiatry and Physiotherapy Tier 1. There is a gap in Tier 2 physiotherapy (CATS). As reported to our last Committee this is because the previous clinical model was almost all virtual. Health Connect are focusing their recruitment on clinicians that live/work in the South of the region that have specialist Tier 2 skills. Connect Health have offered to update the committee with progress as they recognise that patients are having to travel some distance for injection clinics/Tier 2.

3. Primary Care

Further to our primary care recommendations, we have had a positive commitment from the ICB to a new role to progress liaison with District planning authorities and requested consideration to this provision being increased at place level at the February JHOSC.

Cllr Mark Lygo also confirmed in response to my question on 28th March at County Council that he would be submitting a further report to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on provision of primary care services and information provided to the County's residents at our April meeting.

4. Public Health Annual Report:

The JHOSC had a briefing and a Q and A session with the Ansaf Azhar and provisionally planned inclusion of a committee item at the meeting of the committee in June 2023.