

Oxfordshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
20 June 2019

Chairman's Report

1. Health and HOSC liaison

- 1.0 A meeting between the Chairman and the Chief Executive and Director of Governance of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) with a Policy Officer from Oxfordshire County Council and the Head of Communications from the CCG, took place on the 28th of May, to discuss upcoming items for HOSC's Forward Plan.
- 1.1 The main points covered during the meeting were the following:
- Work is being undertaken across the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Strategic Transformation Partnership (STP) with acute providers, looking at capacity for bariatric services. Some areas are showing such small activity there may be opportunities for consolidating bariatric services across the area. A briefing will come to HOSC as discussions roll out to ensure that scrutiny over the public choice and access is considered early.
 - Sue Ryder is piloting a new hospital at home service in the south of the county (see OCCG update report / paper for more information). There has been some interim evaluation undertaken of the pilot; a full evaluation will be undertaken at the beginning of 2020. Irrespective of the outcome of the pilot Sue Ryder will be selling its base in Nettlebed which currently provides a small number of inpatient beds and other day services. The home is no longer fit for purpose due to the age of the building. As part of the pilot, opportunities to provide inpatient beds in different locations across the South of the county will be explored. HOSC will receive more information on this when it is available.

2. HOSC Referral to the Secretary of State on PET Scanning

- 2.0 *Progress with the referral*
- 2.1 At the HOSC meeting of the 4th of April 2019, the committee unanimously decided to refer the refer NHS England's proposal to make In-Health the preferred bidder of Cancer PET-CT scanning in Oxfordshire to the Secretary of State of Health and Social Care. The letter sent by the Chairman is in Appendix 1, with enclosed documents in Appendix 2.
- 2.2 On the 5th of June, the Chairman received a reply from the Secretary of State's office, rejecting the referral which is contained within Appendix 3. In response, the Chairman replied on the 10th of June to appeal this initial decision; this letter is contained within Appendix 4 and 5.

2.3 *Points of delivery*

2.4 At the meeting on the 4th of April, HOSC members requested to understand the current points of delivery for InHealth in Oxfordshire. They are currently delivering services from:

- Abingdon Community Hospital (Echocardiography)
- Bicester Community Health Clinic (Echocardiography and endoscopy)
- Windrush Health Centre (Echocardiography and endoscopy)
- Witney Community Hospital (MRI)
- Wallingford (Echocardiography)
- West Bar surgery (Echocardiography)

2.5 Services at Windrush Health Centre are rated as Good. Services at Bicester have not yet been inspected and no CQC performance information for the other services are currently listed.

3. **Committee briefings and communication**

3.0 The committee received two written briefings since its meeting in April 2019. These are in the Appendix of this report and are on:

Appendix 6: Sue Ryder
Appendix 7: Moorfield Eye Hospital Services

4. **Horton HOSC**

4.0 The Horton HOSC met on the 11th of April to consider reports on the following workstreams:

- Engagement update
- Work on other small units
- Finance overview
- Proposed approach to option appraisal
- Current obstetric staffing
- Appropriate authorisations and competencies for obstetric trainees

4.1 The papers also covered an update on recruitment and an update on the response to the committee's request for additional information on ambulances.

4.2 The Horton HOSC asked that the way the weighting of the criteria for assessing the options for the Horton be revisited to ensure weighting is fair and independently verified. The committee also requested that the meeting of the committee to scrutinise the options and scoring, previously scheduled for the 24th of June be moved to the 4th of July 2019 to allow sufficient time for all requested information to be presented.