

JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 MAY 2022

CHAIR'S UPDATE

REPORT BY CLLR JANE HANNA, COMMITTEE CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION

1. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to**
 - a) Note the report;
 - b) Agree the actions within.

UPDATES

Thanks from the Chair

2. Can I take this opportunity to thank all the Committee, officers and partners for their participation and commitment this year to advance the Health Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

Visit to Wantage Hospital

3. The 4 May visit has been postponed and at the time of drafting this report, a new date is being circulated amongst the Committee's members.

Update on BOB ICS

4. I share relevant public reports with the Committee here on the ICS / ICB to appraise Members on these developments. It is critical that the Committee understands how the ICS/ICB will operate so to better understand how it will affect the improvement of service delivery across Oxfordshire.

[Item-13a-ICS-Development-Programme-Update.pdf \(oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Item-13b-ICS-Roadmap-Paper-fs.pdf \(oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Developing the BOB ICS Delivery Roadmap Key streams of work \(oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk\)](#)

Update on BOB HOSC and Appointments from Oxfordshire County Council

5. The November HOSC recommended that the membership of the BOB HOSC align with the Oxfordshire HOSC. Members will be aware that a delegation of existing HOSC members were appointed onto the BOB HOSC at Council in April. Those Members are –

Cllrs Champken-Woods, Leverton, Ley, van Mierlo, Hanna, Edosomwan, Haywood.

6. **Very** early work is underway, led by the Interim Scrutiny Manager, in which to develop principles of common working between local HOSCs, BOB HOSC and the ICB. Once an initial starter for discussion has been arrived at, it will be shared amongst BOB LA partners and the ICB.

Developing the Committee's Work Programme

7. The Committee will be aware that we are nearing the close of the current municipal year and preparations must take place to plan the work programme for the year ahead. The Interim CEO, Stephen Chandler will be meeting with Members shortly to support the facilitation of this. Opportunities to engage with NHS on their priorities for next municipal year will follow. At the Committees informal meeting on 26 April, ideas were further shared on the content of that work programme. Those issues of interest are: -

End of Life Care

Dentistry

Support for Carers / Young Carers (with a probable interface with People OSC Committee)

The Effectiveness of the Musculoskeletal Service

Ensuring health provision / infrastructure in the Planning process

Refresh of Health Scrutiny Protocols

8. **Action** - The Committee request further information from the Interim Scrutiny Manager on these services to ensure the Committee can add value if they are placed onto the work programme.
9. The most recurring theme throughout the last year in respect of access to and recovery of services has been workforce. The committee has been concerned to scrutinise access through engagement on system plans so that there can be reassurance on resilience planning.
10. The Mental Health session in March was a good exemplar of system wide papers that were both substantial and open and the committee has committed to an updater in the year. Primary Care and Maternity are the two substantive items on the agenda for May for which the committee is likely to return to as update items.
11. The Committee did not receive the COVID Recovery Plan at the March meeting. I had a meeting with Stephen Chandler, the Interim CEO in April. He will be meeting with members shortly to support the facilitation of this for the June meeting, to share system priorities ahead of the Committee finalising the rest of year programme in June.

The Committee's Next Meeting – 9 June

12. At this stage, we have an agenda that will focus on the Covid Recovery Plan and Members are likely to receive the first of a new performance report that details system wide recovery and resilience. This report is currently in

development. This will sit alongside a work programme item which will sequence the work to be covered by the Committee over the next municipal year.

High Court Judgement

13. Members should be made aware that a recent High Court judgement ruled that the discharge of untested Covid-19 patients to care homes was unlawful.

[Covid: Discharging untested patients to care homes 'unlawful' - BBC News](#)

Action – To note the judgement and to agree any further actions, if necessary.

Minute of an informal meeting of the Committee's Members

14. On 26 April, Cllrs Hanna, along with Co-opted Members Barbara Shaw and Alan Cohen met with Karen Fuller, Interim Corporate Director of Adult Services to discuss the discharge to care related actions within the Committee's action plan.

That note of that meeting is enclosed at **Appendix 1**.

Action - Members note the minute of that meeting.

15. The response to the original work of the Committee is available here.

[JHO_NOV2521R08a - Annex B - Response to First 30 days v0.4.pdf \(oxfordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Action – That any further actions are agreed by HOSC in light of the above response to the report 'Response to First 30 days'.

16. Progress in the coming weeks will be made in relation to the Infection Control items within the Committee's action plan and in concert with Cllr Paul Barrow the author of the infection control work undertaken in Winter 2021.