

JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24 November 2022

CHAIR'S UPDATE

REPORT BY CLLR JANE HANNA, COMMITTEE CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Committee is RECOMMENDED to

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UPDATES

Primary Care Workshop

Following the Committee's consideration of Primary Care at its March Meeting, the Integrated Care Board's offer of a workshop on the subject was co-produced and taken up by the Committee on 17 October 2022. The workshop was led by Julie Dandridge and covered areas, including capacity and demand in Primary Care, Primary Care Estates as well as the narrative around Primary Care.

Members of the Committee heard valuable insights from Dr Richard Wood, Chair of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Local Medical Committee, GPs Dr Joe McManners, The Manor Surgery, Oxford, and Dr Rachel Ward, Woodlands Medical Centre, Didcot, Healthwatch and from the Council's Property and Estates Team.

The positive outcomes of the Workshop and its key themes are drawn out in the report included in the 24 November 2022 Committee Meeting's agenda pack and the discussions will be further supplemented at the meeting by a further report by the Integrated Care Board.

Integrated Care Board

I was pleased to meet and introduce myself to the ICB Place Director for Oxfordshire, Dan Leveson, to discuss the role of the JHOSC and to arrange ongoing future meetings with the HOSC Chair in order to facilitate good Scrutiny. I look forward to the Committee establishing a close relationship with Dan moving forward.

I also look forward to taking up the offer of an introductory meeting with Steve McManus, the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the ICB and Javed Khan in order to form positive working relationships moving forward.

In December and looking into the new year there will be an opportunity for scrutiny of the forthcoming ICP Strategy. I will also be monitoring the public engagement plan in order to ensure there will be adequate public engagement on the strategy. There has also been informal liaison between the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Health

Scrutiny Officers to share good practice and to discuss approaches to the scrutiny of the strategy.

Wantage Town Council

Myself and Vice-Chair, Cllr Paul Barrow, attended Wantage Town Council's Health-Sub Committee in order to provide an update in respect of the work of Oxfordshire JHOSC. We also presented an update to the Sub-Committee in respect of the developments as to the services being provided at Wantage Hospital since the Committee's Site Visit on 23 June 2022 facilitated by a written update from Dr Ben Riley. This also included updated information as to staffing levels, and the current status as to inpatient beds.

Covid-19 - Elective Recovery Sub-Group

The Covid-19, Elective Recovery Backlog Sub-Group met on 7 November 2022 in order to jointly review the associated metrics in relation to cancer treatment waiting times as contained in Oxford University Hospital Trust Board's agenda papers. Moving forward, the Group agreed that it would like to pay close focus to Breast Cancer Treatment referral and treatment times and performance of Urology services.

SCAS Improvement Plan Update (Appended).

The Committee received a positive monthly update as to the SCAS Improvement Programme following the consideration of the programme at its September Committee Meeting. The update details the actions already taken and the planned next steps in relation to each of the identified 'Must Do', recommendations identified in the recent Care Quality Commission Report.

Letter on the Scrutiny of MSK Services and Response (Appended)

I have attached a letter which was received from Bill MacKeith, Secretary, Oxon Keep Our NHS Public, in respect of the Committee's Scrutiny of Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy services within Oxfordshire. Following subsequent communication from Mr MacKeith stating that the letter should be treated as addressed to the Chair of the Committee, I have responded as per the attached letter. Mr MacKeith has recently sent a further reply, which I am currently in the process of compiling a response to.

Maternity within Oxfordshire Stakeholder Event

Myself, Cllr Paul Barrow, Cllr Damian Heywood, Barbara Shaw and June Bradlow are due to attend an Oxford University Hospital's Stakeholder Event on Maternity Services within Oxfordshire on 18 November 2022 on behalf of the Committee. We are looking forward to finding out more and understanding what is likely to inform OUH's clinical strategy for Maternity and Neonatal services moving forwards.