



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 11 May 2023

ADDENDA

4. Wantage Engagement (Pages 1 - 2)

Appointed members of the HOSC met on 20 April 2023 with Dan Leveson, Place Director for BOB HOSC, Ben Riley, Executive Director for Oxford Health NHS Trust, Kerry Rodgers, Director of Corporate Affairs, Oxford Health NHS Trust, Karen Fuller, Corporate Director of Adults and Housing, Oxfordshire County Council to discuss the substantial change form submitted in relation to the loss of community hospital beds. The agreed outcome of the meeting was that the planned process for engaging with the community in Wantage around how the hospital will be used in the future be made available to HOSC members prior to any further decision being made.

Dan Leveson, Ben Riley, Kerry Rogers and Karen Fuller are invited to present this item. Having listened to the presentation and discussion the Committee is recommended to **AGREE** its next steps.

NB This document is still currently in draft and publication will be delayed to allow greater coordination between stakeholders. A supplement to the agenda is to follow and is expected to be issued on Friday 05 May.

5. Co-optee Appointment (Pages 3 - 6)

The agreed at its meeting on 20 April 2023 to undertake a recruitment exercise for one of the vacant co-optee posts on the Committee, whilst delaying the other following feedback from organisations representing diverse communities around the payment of co-optees and pending the Council's review of this issue. Following the completion of this recruitment the Committee is asked to formalise the proposed appointee.

The Committee is asked to **AGREE** the recommendations of the report.

NB This report is to follow and will be issued as part of the supplement to the agenda.

6. Dentistry Action (Pages 7 - 8)

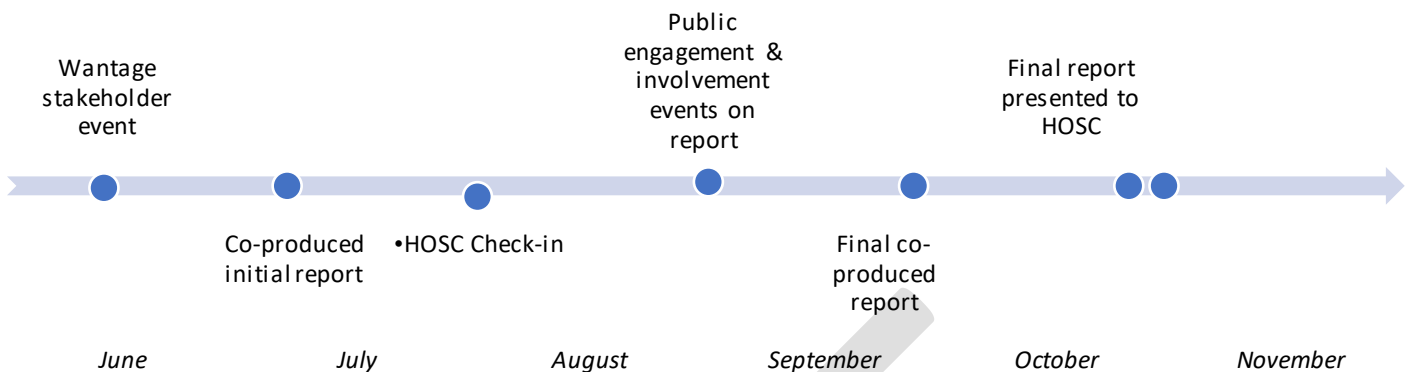
At its meeting on 20 April the Committee agreed that officers would draft an action based on the conversation held at the Committee for agreement by the Committee at its next meeting.

The Committee is recommended to **AGREE** the proposed action, having made any necessary amendments.

NB This item will be issued alongside the others as part of the supplement to follow in order to keep all relevant papers together.

Agenda Item 4

Proposed process of stakeholder engagement with regards to Wantage Community Hospital



Wantage stakeholder event (estimated June 2023) – 10am to 3pm (TBC)

- Co-produced event to re-engage the local community based within the Wantage area (scope to be agreed with stakeholder sub-committee).
- Discuss Wantage inpatient beds case for change (OHFT) setting out:
 - Review of engagement activity to date
 - National changes to the community model of care, for example urgent community response service
 - Assessment of pilot services
- Discuss options for future use 'How can we use space in Wantage Community Hospital to benefit the health and wellbeing of the local community'
 - Review of constraints and enablers which need to be considered (capital requirements, staffing pressures, estates etc)
 - Identify hospital type service which could be provided within the Wantage area
 - Services which could be provided elsewhere in Wantage and dependencies on these including the voluntary and community sector

Co-produce output report with stakeholders (estimated July 2023)

- Initial draft write-up report of stakeholder event reflecting:
 - Case for change developed
 - Options for services
- Draft report reviewed with Wantage Stakeholder group and then taken to partner boards for sign off ahead of wider engagement

Public engagement & involvement events on report (estimated September 2023)

- Events to share the draft report with the public - planned for late summer to enable full engagement with the majority of stakeholders
- Opportunity for wider stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft report

Final co-produced report (estimated October 2023)

- Engagement events written up into joint report produced with stakeholder group for review
- Next steps and recommendations developed and signed off by partner boards

Report presented to HOSC (estimated November 2023)

- Final report setting out recommendations and next steps presented to HOSC

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Divisions Affected – all

Oxfordshire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

11 May 2023

CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE OXFORDSHIRE JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Report of the Scrutiny Manager

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to: -

1. Confirm the appointment of the interview panel's preferred candidate as a co-opted member to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, subject to their fulfilment of the requirements of the Councillor Code of Conduct as it relates to co-opted members;

Executive Summary

1. Co-opted members have a dual function to the operation of a Scrutiny committee. Not only do they bring specific, relevant expertise but, coming from outside both the Council and the party-political system they provide greater public assurance of the independence and non-political output of the Scrutiny function. This report seeks to update the Committee on efforts made to date to identify nominees for co-option onto the Committee, to recommend the appointment of a nominee.

Background

2. Part 6.1B (3) of the Council's Constitution allows for up to three co-opted members to sit on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC). Co-opted Members are normally to serve for a period of 2 years, and may be extended for a further term of two years.
3. Mrs Barbara Shaw was appointed to the Committee in April 2019 and her two year term expired in April 2021. This term was extended for a further two years, running out in April 2023.
4. At its meeting on 20 April 2023 the Committee was informed of the vacancy for Barbara Shaw's position, and the ongoing vacancy following the departure of Dr Alan Cohen. In light of the Committee's wish to ensure greater diversity

amongst its membership through its co-optees, feedback from suitable organisations that the Council might need to consider reimbursing co-optees owing to their level of expertise and the time required for the Council to consider changing its current policy in this area it was agreed by the Committee to pause the recruitment for the vacancy arising from Alan Cohen's departure. It was, however, agreed that a recruitment exercise be progressed for the vacancy arising from the expiry of Barbara Shaw's term.

5. At the time of the publication of this report the recruitment is ongoing, with the advert having been placed on the Council website and distributed to the Healthwatch mailing list and to the local Patient Participation Groups. Interviews are scheduled to be undertaken, as agreed by the Committee, by Cllr Hanna, Cllr Dallimore, and the Scrutiny Manager, on 10 May 2023. A verbal update will therefore be provided on the interview panel's recommended candidate.
6. Legal advice has been provided to confirm that a co-opted member who has served four years may apply and be reappointed to the committee if they have been appointed through an open recruitment process.

Corporate Priorities

7. The primary corporate priority served by the appointment of co-optees to the committee is 'Play our part in a vibrant and participatory local democracy'. However, in strengthening the quality of Scrutiny provided towards the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's remit it is expected that there will be positive impacts on 'Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents' also.

Financial Implications

8. The role of co-optee is not a paid position, but co-optees do qualify for the same rights to travel and subsistence as Councillors, as detailed in Part 10.1 Sch 1 of the Constitution. Other financial implications are minimal, for example relating to posting out agendas and can be met from existing budgets.

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Legal Implications

9. Owing to their status as non-voting members of the committee, HOSC members do not meet the definition within the Council's constitution which makes extends the requirements of the Councillor Code of Conduct to co-opted members. As such, typical requirements such as a DBS check and declaration of interest are not required. This, however, presents a legal and

reputational risk, as well as creating differential treatment of the Council's co-opted members.

10. Although it is not mandated within the constitution, the committee is advised to make its appointment subject to the completion of all checks as would be required under the Councillor Code of Conduct.
11. Other legal implications are detailed within the body of this report. There are no further implications to highlight.

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Staff Implications

12. None arising from this report.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

13. The Committee has previously expressed a wish to promote greater diversity amongst its membership through its co-opted members and steps are being taken to address this as detailed above.
14. There are no additional equality or inclusion implications beyond the Council's overall equality duties.

Sustainability Implications

15. None arising from this report.

Risk Management

16. Holding two vacancies on Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would not only reduce the experience and knowledge available to the Committee and impair the public's confidence in the apolitical nature of Scrutiny.

Consultations

17. None arising from this report.

Anita Bradley
Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Annex: None

Background papers: None

Other Documents: None

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Draft Wording of Actions Relating to Dentistry

At its previous meeting on 20 April, the Committee made the following recommendation as part of its item on access to dentistry:

1) Recommendation to NHSE and the Integrated Care Board:

To collaborate with the Place Based Partnership, Public Health and providers with view to creating a base line dentistry data set that will mean local improvements to poor dental health of residents can be achieved and clearly communicated.

In addition, it was agreed that a letter be written to the Secretary of State with suggestions on how local dental outcomes might be improved. The wording of this action was agreed to be deferred for consideration at the 11 May meeting.

To facilitate the actions, the committee is asked to **AGREE** the following:

That the Committee:

- 1) Delegates to the Chair in consultation with the vice Chair and Scrutiny Manager the drafting of a letter to the Secretary of State to:
 - a) Provide local evidence concerning access to and the affordability of dentistry
 - b) Identify the feedback provided on barriers and enablers, to include tackling delays in new dental trainees registering for NHS practice, further reform necessary to the NHS Dental Contract to enable prevention work supporting Public Health, and enabling local systems to deliver the improvements needed for Oxfordshire residents.
 - c) State the committee's recognition of the clinical benefit for oral health of fluoridation of drinking water in the county, recommending that the Secretary of State undertake a consultation to determine the level of local support or opposition to the fluoridation of the county's drinking water.
- 2) Agrees that a copy of the draft letter be sent to Leaders and Chief Executives of the District, City and County Councils in Oxfordshire.

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