

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 17 September 2009 at 10.00 am
County Hall

Membership

Chairman - Councillor Dr Peter Skolar

Deputy Chairman - District Councillor Richard Langridge

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| <i>Councillors:</i> | Tim Hallchurch MBE | Jane Hanna | Jenny Hannab |
| | Christopher Hood | Sarah Hutchinson | Ray Jelf |
| | Susanna Pressel | Don Seale | Lawrie Stratford |
| | Rose Stratford | | |

Co-optees: Dr Harry Dickinson Mrs Ann Tomline Mrs Anne Wilkinson

Notes:

Date of next meeting: 19 November 2009

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- Any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area of its local authorities.
- Health issues, systems or economics, not just services provided, commissioned or managed by the NHS.

How can I have my say?

We welcome the views of the community on any issues in relation to the responsibilities of this Committee. Members of the public may ask to speak on any item on the agenda or may suggest matters which they would like the Committee to look at. **Requests to speak must be submitted to the Committee Officer below no later than 9 am on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

For more information about this Committee please contact:

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About the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Joint Committee is made up of 15 members. Twelve of them are Councillors, seven from Oxfordshire County Council, and one from each of the District Councils – Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, Oxford City, Vale of White Horse, and South Oxfordshire. Three people can be co-opted to the Joint Committee to bring a community perspective. It is administered by the County Council. Unlike other local authority Scrutiny Committees, the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee involves looking ‘outwards’ and across agencies. Its focus is on health, and while its main interest is likely to be the NHS, it may also look at services provided by local councils which have an impact on health.

About Health Scrutiny

Health Scrutiny is about:

- Providing a challenge to the NHS and other organisations that provide health care
- Examining how well the NHS and other relevant organisations are performing
- Influencing the Cabinet on decisions that affect local people
- Representing the community in NHS decision making, including responding to formal consultations on NHS service changes
- Helping the NHS to develop arrangements for providing health care in Oxfordshire
- Promoting joined up working across organisations
- Looking at the bigger picture of health care, including the promotion of good health
- Ensuring that health care is provided to those who need it the most

Health Scrutiny is NOT about:

- Making day to day service decisions
- Investigating individual complaints.

Health Scrutiny complements the work of the Patient and Public involvement Forums that exist for each of the NHS Trusts and Primary Care Trusts in Oxfordshire.

What does this Committee do?

The Committee meets up to 6 times a year or more. It develops a work programme, which lists the issues it plans to investigate. These investigations can include whole committee investigations undertaken during the meeting, or reviews by a panel of members doing research and talking to lots of people outside of the meeting. Once an investigation is completed the Committee provides its advice to the relevant part of the Oxfordshire (or wider) NHS system and/or to the Cabinet, the full Councils or scrutiny committees of the relevant local authorities. Meetings are open to the public and all reports are available to the public unless exempt or confidential, when the items would be considered in closed session.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, giving as much notice as possible before the meeting

A hearing loop is available at County Hall.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

2. Declarations of Interest - see guidance note on the back page

3. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2009 (**JHO3**) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

4. Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee

To date, no items have been received for this item.

5. Oxfordshire LINK Group – Information Share

There are no items from the LINK.

6. Nomination of Delegates

10.05

The South Central Joint HOSC Group meets quarterly. It comprises all of the HOSCs in the South Central region. The Oxfordshire HOSC has two delegates and a substitute.

A number of informal meetings take place during the year with senior managers from the PCT, ORH and OBMHFT. The purpose of the meetings is to keep abreast of emerging issues. The Chairman attends each of the meetings and it is necessary to nominate one more member for each meeting to attend with him.

7. Public Health

10.15

Report by the Director of Public Health on matters of relevance and interest.

8. Transforming Community Services

10.30

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| Background Information: | The Transforming Community Services (TCS) Policy was launched by the Department of Health in January 2009 to strengthen PCT capabilities in delivering community services. It aims to enable transformational change and support the provision of high quality care which is responsive to local patients and communities. |
| | Along with all other PCTs, NHS Oxfordshire has been charged with transforming the commissioning of services in line with World Class Commissioning (WCC) criteria and assuring that organisational arrangements are fit for purpose. This comprises a wholesale review of community services and high level market analysis, together with PCT Board decision on the most appropriate options for future organisational form for its Provider. The attached paper will be presented by Catherine Mountford, Director of Standards and Quality at the PCT. It summarises work completed to date and outlines the PCTs vision for the transformational change of Community services. |
| Why has it been included? | The Committee is requested to consider the attached paper (JH08) and provide comment that can be reported back to the PCT Board at their next meeting on 30th October 2009. |

9. The new Oxford Community Hospital

11.15

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| <p>Background Information:</p> | <p>The Oxford Community Hospital (Oxcomm) existed on the Churchill Hospital site for a number of years closing in May 2008 due to issues regarding facilities design, maintenance and control of infection. Alternative provision for community beds was made at other community hospitals within Oxfordshire and at the Albany Care Home in Headington. In the autumn of 2008 the Oxfordshire PCT outlined to the Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) proposals for the re-provision of community services formerly provided by Oxcomm. In March 2009 Alan Webb, Director of Commissioning for Oxfordshire PCT, made a commitment that 20 beds would be available for community rehabilitation by October of this year while a longer term proposal was being developed.</p> <p>Community Health Oxfordshire (CHO) has been commissioned by the PCT to provide the service. It has now been confirmed that the service would be provided by CHO on the John Radcliffe (JR) site.</p> |
| | <p>Carol Knott from CHO, Sarah Bright of the PCT and Tony MacDonald from the ORH will describe the plans for the two phases of development of a new community hospital for Oxford:</p> <p>Phase 1: Provision of 20 beds on the JR site in an existing ward refurbished to an appropriate standard which will be open by October of this year. This provides an interim solution.</p> <p>Phase 2: Development of a self-contained unit on the JR site to be open by summer 2010</p> |
| <p>Why has it been included?</p> | <p>To provide members with an update and an opportunity to comment on the attached paper (JHO9) and presentation.</p> |

10. Forward Work Programme

12.15

The Committee is asked to consider items that members might wish to see included within the Committee's Work Programme during the coming twelve months. Depending on the items chosen decisions will be required on whether work would be undertaken by the whole Committee or by working groups.

Members are reminded that these items would be in addition to issues that would have

to be considered in response to plans and proposals from the local NHS

11. Chairman's Report

12.30

- Further information on Parkinson's Disease services
- Informal meeting with the Chair and Director of Planning and Information at the ORH
- Meeting with the Chief Executive and Medical Director of the PCT

12. Teenage Pregnancy

12.45

An update on progress made by the working group

13. Information Share

12.50

To inform the Committee that a Joint Committee has been set up to review the work of the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) with particular reference to their performance in rural areas. The review will take place in late November/early December. The Committee will comprise members from Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and West Berkshire plus non-Councillor members.

Pre-Meeting

There will be a pre-meeting at County Hall on the day of the meeting at **9.00 am** for all members of the Joint Committee.

Declarations of Interest

This note briefly summarises the position on interests which you must declare at the meeting. Please refer to the Members' Code of Conduct in Section DD of the Constitution for a fuller description.

The duty to declare ...

You must always declare any "personal interest" in a matter under consideration, ie where the matter affects (either positively or negatively):

- (i) any of the financial and other interests which you are required to notify for inclusion in the statutory Register of Members' Interests; or
- (ii) your own well-being or financial position or that of any member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association more than it would affect other people in the County.

Whose interests are included ...

"Member of your family" in (ii) above includes spouses and partners and other relatives' spouses and partners, and extends to the employment and investment interests of relatives and friends and their involvement in other bodies of various descriptions. For a full list of what "relative" covers, please see the Code of Conduct.

When and what to declare ...

The best time to make any declaration is under the agenda item "Declarations of Interest". Under the Code you must declare not later than at the start of the item concerned or (if different) as soon as the interest "becomes apparent".

In making a declaration you must state the nature of the interest.

Taking part if you have an interest ...

Having made a declaration you may still take part in the debate and vote on the matter unless your personal interest is also a "prejudicial" interest.

"Prejudicial" interests ...

A prejudicial interest is one which a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would think so significant as to be likely to affect your judgment of the public interest.

What to do if your interest is prejudicial ...

If you have a prejudicial interest in any matter under consideration, you may remain in the room but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter under consideration, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

Exceptions ...

There are a few circumstances where you may regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest or may participate even though you may have one. These, together with other rules about participation in the case of a prejudicial interest, are set out in paragraphs 10 – 12 of the Code.

Seeking Advice ...

It is your responsibility to decide whether any of these provisions apply to you in particular circumstances, but you may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.