

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 23 April 2015 at 10.00 am
County Hall

Membership

Chairman - Councillor Yvonne Constance OBE
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Susanna Pressel

<i>Councillors:</i>	Kevin Bulmer	Tim Hallchurch MBE	Alison Rooke
	Surinder Dhesi	Laura Price	Les Sibley
<i>District Councillors:</i>	Alison Thomson	Christopher Hood	
	Martin Barrett	Rose Stratford	
<i>Co-optees:</i>	Moira Logie	Dr Keith Ruddle	Mrs A. Wilkinson

Notes: *Date of next meeting: 2 July 2015*

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.**

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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.

What does this Committee do?

The Committee meets up to 5 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 5 February 2015 (**JHO3**) and to receive information arising from them.

- 4. Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**
- 5. Healthwatch Oxfordshire**

10:10

Rachel Coney, Director of Healthwatch Oxfordshire and Dermot Roaf, Vice - Chair of the Board will give an update on recent projects (**JHO5**).

- 6. Management of the Impact of Winter by the Oxfordshire Healthcare system**

10:25

The Committee will examine Oxfordshire's response to the winter pressures with specific focus on Accident & Emergency departments and delayed transfers of care. Representatives will attend to account for the response from their organisations (**JHO6**).

7. South Central Ambulance Service

11:00

As a follow up to the discussion at the November 2014 meeting, and following some recent incidents, representatives from the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) will attend to discuss key issues. These include working practices, staffing, response rates (specifically in relation to the rural dimension) and partnership working. A report produced by SCAS is attached at **JHO7**.

A letter from SCAS responding to the continued concerns expressed by members at the last meeting (Min. 64/15 refers) with regard to the road traffic collision incident in Faringdon in April 2014 is also attached at **JHO7**.

8. OUH Trust Draft Quality Account 2014/15

12:00

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH) is required to send a copy of their Annual Quality Account to a range of external bodies for review and comment. This is the Committee's opportunity to provide comment and question the accounts. Clare Dollery, Deputy Medical Director, will attend from the Oxford University Hospitals Trust for the discussion.

The following documents are attached at **JHO8**:

- Overview of draft 2014/15 Quality Account.
- Quality Account 2014/15 – a summary for Oxfordshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Joint Committee is requested by the OUH to note the contents of the Quality Account bearing in mind that it is in draft form and has not yet been signed off by the Trust; and send a statement for inclusion in the published document.

9. Sexual Health Services for Oxfordshire

12:20

A report is attached at **JHO9** which provides an update on the range of sexual health services delivered by stakeholders in the county and discusses the services commissioned by the County Council to meet the sexual needs of the population of Oxfordshire. The Committee will examine how the new service is working.

The commissioner and representatives from provider organisations will be attending the meeting.

10. Chairman's Report

12:40

The Chairman will give an oral update on meetings she has attended and matters dealt with since the last meeting.

The Chairman will outline how it is proposed that the Committee scrutinise action by the Health Service to address the recommendations identified in the serious case review into Child Sexual Exploitation.

A draft Forward Plan is attached at **JHO10**.

11. Dates of Future Meetings 2015/16

Please note that the Joint Committee will meet on the following dates:

2 July 2015

17 September 2015

19 November 2015

4 February 2016

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members’ conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Glenn Watson on (01865) 815270 or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.