

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 20 January 2011 at 10.00 am
County Hall

Membership

Chairman - Councillor Dr Peter Skolar
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Susanna Pressel

Councillors: Jenny Hannaby Neil Owen Don Seale
Tim Hallchurch MBE John Sanders Lawrie Stratford

District Councillors: Christopher Hood Rose Stratford
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Co-optees: Ann Tomline Dr Harry Dickinson Mrs A. Wilkinson

Notes:

Date of next meeting: 10 March 2011

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.

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 (Pages 1 - 10)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2010 (JH03) and to note for information any matters arising on them.

4. **Speaking to or Petitioning the Committee**

5. **Public Health**

10.15

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

6. **Implications of the Health White Paper "Equity and Excellence - Liberating the NHS"**

10.30

The Chairman of the PCT, Fred Hucker, Sonia Mills, the Chief Executive and Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health, will brief the Committee on the latest developments in relation to the restructuring of NHS services in Oxfordshire. John Jackson, Director for Social and Community Services and Nick Welch, Head of Major Programmes for Social and Community Services will also attend for this item.

The purpose of this item is to help members understand the latest developments in the restructuring of local NHS services including the possible implications of "clustering" Oxfordshire PCT with Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes PCTs (the latter may be moved to a different cluster).

7. **Safe and Sustainable review - Paediatric Cardiac Services at the John Radcliffe Hospital (Pages 11 - 24)**

11.15

A review of paediatric cardiac surgical services in England began in 2008 in response to long-standing concerns around the sustainability of the current service configuration. It was considered that surgeons were spread too thinly across surgical centres (31 congenital cardiac surgeons spread over 11 surgical centres), leading to concerns around lack of 24/7 cover in smaller centres and the potential for sudden closure or suspension of smaller centres.

The review is being led by the National Specialised Commissioning Team (NSC Team) on behalf of the 10 Specialised Commissioning Groups (SCGs) in England and their

constituent Primary Care Trusts. It was planned that proposals for change should go to public consultation in 2011. However, in October 2010 it was decided that the eventual options for reconfiguration to be put out for public consultation would not include the children's heart surgery service at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

However, at the same time, the Trust was told that "not being included in options for consultation does not mean that the JCPCT [Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts] has made any decision about the future of the service at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

The purpose of this item will be to broaden understanding of this issue and how the John Radcliffe Hospital could be included in the future consultation on changes to the service. Also, to hear from the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust about the development of a proposal to establish an integrated service with Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust that would enable a robust paediatric cardiac service to be provided at Oxford.

Speakers will include representatives of the ORH Trust; the Director for the NSC Team "Safe and Sustainable Services" programme and representatives of the "Young Hearts" a local charity that supports children with heart disease and their families.

The following papers are attached:

A letter from the Chair of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts to the Chief Executive of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust

A letter from the Chairman of the HOSC to the Secretary of State for Health

The reply from the Secretary of State

Young Hearts briefing to MPs

8. Keeping People Well - plans for the future of Mental Health Day Services (Pages 25 - 28)

12.15

In May 2010 the HOSC considered proposals from the PCT to recommission day services provided by voluntary and community services for adults over the age of 18 who have mental health problems. Following that a working group was formed to work with the PCT commissioners to ensure that; the outcomes of the process led to a service that maintained equity of access to high quality services; the process was transparent throughout; and that there would be a clear and effective transition process.

The tendering process has now been completed with HOSC members observing the work of the implementation group. Fenella Trevillion, Head of Joint Commissioning for Mental Health, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, Ian Bottomley, Service Development Manager – Mental Health and Dennis Preece, Chairman – Mental Health Commissioning Programme Board will attend for this item and explain the outcome of the recommissioning process and the transitional plans. A paper which has been prepared by Ian Bottomley is attached.

9. Oxfordshire LINK Group – Information Share (Pages 29 - 34)
12.45

The latest Oxfordshire LINK newsletter is attached. LINK representatives will be available at the meeting to answer member's questions if required.

10. Chairman's Report
13.00

The Chairman will report on meetings that he has attended and issues that have arisen since the last meeting.

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 Part 9.1 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.