

Notice of Meeting



Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 10 March 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: 19 May 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.

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 20 January 2011 and to note for information any matters arising from them (**JHO3**).

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

5. **Public Health**

10.10

The regular report from the Director of Public Health on matters of relevance and interest.

6. **Chipping Norton Hospital - Staff employment conditions (Pages 11 - 14)**

10.30

The new Chipping Norton Hospital is due to open later this year. It will be run on behalf of the NHS by the Orders of St John Care Trust. In 2005 and again in 2007 the PCT stated the following with regard to the employment of nursing staff at the hospital:

- i. To enable staff at the Hospital to decide which choice was better for them as individuals, they would be given the option of whether to remain as NHS employees and be seconded to the Orders of St John (OSJ) for a period of three years or to transfer under TUPE to the OSJ*
- ii. The PCT would not indicate a preference with regard to the above options*
- iii. In the event that an NHS employed staff member was to leave during the three year period, their replacement would be placed on NHS terms and conditions for the remainder of the three years.*

At the end of the three years a review would take place.

The transfer of existing staff is being undertaken in accordance with the first two statements above. However the PCT has now decided that new staff employed during the three year period would be employed by the OSJ.

The purpose of this item is to help members understand why the PCT view on employment has changed and for the HOSC to consider whether any further action is required. A representative of the PCT will attend the meeting.

Copies of two letters are attached for information:

1. From the Acting Chairman of the HOSC to the PCT (**JHO6a**)
2. The reply from the Chief Executive of the PCT (**JHO6b**)

7. Ridgeway Partnership (Oxfordshire Learning Disability NHS Trust)
11.00

As part of a series of items of business aimed at bringing members of the Committee up to date on the position of local NHS Trusts, John Morgan, Chief Executive of the Ridgeway Partnership (Oxfordshire Learning Disability NHS Trust), will give an update on the current situation and how he sees the future for the Trust.

8. Health Trainers - Proposal by NHS Oxfordshire (the PCT) to cease the service (Pages 15 - 48)
11.30

The Health Trainer initiative was set up by the PCT in July 2006 as an experimental approach to try to improve the health of hard-to-reach individuals. Recently the PCT undertook an evaluation of the service and decided that it could not be shown to be providing good value for money. The PCT is therefore proposing to close the service.

The staff involved believe that changes could be made that would improve the outreach service and that, before the service is closed, there should be full public consultation.

Members should consider the evidence to be provided and decide whether they believe that this a substantial service change that would require full public consultation.

Speakers will include the Director of Public Health, the Convenor for the Oxfordshire PCT Unison Branch and a LINK representative. The following papers are attached:

- 1 Equality Impact Assessment (HIA) (**JHO8a**)
- 2 Consultation paper from the PCT (**JHO8b**)
- 3 Paper, "In Defence of Public Health" from Unison (**JHO8c**)
- 4 Oxfordshire LINK briefing (**JHO8d**)

9. Developing the new Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board
12.15

The Health and Social Care Bill that is going through Parliament now is intended to give effect to the reforms requiring primary legislation that were proposed in the NHS White Paper *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*. The Bill introduces a statutory duty for all upper-tier local authorities to create a Health and Wellbeing Board and develop a new joint health and wellbeing strategy.

The Director of Adult Social Care and the Director of Public Health will explain to members what the latest position is in planning and developing the new Board. Members will be able to follow up on their comments at the last meeting that the Board should be subject to the scrutiny of the HOSC.

10. Oxfordshire LINK Group – Information Share (Pages 49 - 52)
12.45

The regular LINK briefing paper is attached (**JHO10**). LINK representatives will be available at the meeting to answer members' questions if required.

11. Chairman's Report
13.00

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.