

OXFORDSHIRE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 25 April 2013 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at Time Not Specified

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Dr Peter Skolar – in the Chair

District Councillor Rose Stratford (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor Jenny Hannaby
Councillor Gill Sanders
Councillor Keith Strangwood
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
District Councillor Martin Barrett
District Councillor Dr Christopher Hood
Councillor Susanna Pressel
District Councillor Alison Thomson

Co-opted Members: Dr Harry Dickinson
Dr Keith Ruddle

Officers:

Whole of meeting Claire Phillips
Jonathan McWilliam
Angela Baker

Part of meeting

Agenda Item	Officer Attending
7	Andrew Stevens, Jane Herve Tony MacDonald
8,9	Dr Mary Keenan Gareth Kenworthy
10	Alison Partridge

The Scrutiny Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

88/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (Agenda No. 1)

Apologies were received from Councillors Jim Couchman, Anthony Gearing and Mrs Anne Wilkinson.

89/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - SEE GUIDANCE NOTE ON THE BACK PAGE

(Agenda No. 2)

No declarations were made.

90/13 MINUTES

(Agenda No. 3)

Councillor Peter Skolar thanked Councillor Rose Stratford for acting as Chairman for the February meeting.

The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

91/13 SPEAKING TO OR PETITIONING THE COMMITTEE

(Agenda No. 4)

Dr Peter Fisher addressed the committee to express his concern about potential changes to services at the Horton Hospital

92/13 PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

(Agenda No. 5)

Dr Jonathan McWilliam and Angela Baker addressed the committee.

Measles has been in the national headlines with outbreaks occurring across the country but to date there have been no cases reported in Oxfordshire (Oxfordshire had 6 cases in 2012 and 2 cases in 2011). Public Health England is leading on the communications strategy to encourage vaccinations. The committee encouraged parents to get their children vaccinated with the MMR vaccine.

The [Health a Wellbeing Board](#) is now operating as a statutory body and will meet three times a year. The next dates scheduled are:

- 25th July 2013
- 21st November 2013
- 13th March 2014

All meetings are to be held between 2-4pm at County Hall, Oxford.

The Public Information Network and the following three boards will support the Health and Wellbeing board:

- The Health Improvement Board
- The Adult Health and Social Care Partnership Board
- The Children and Young People's Board

While acting in shadow form the Health and Wellbeing board has:

- Developed proposals to pool budgets between Oxfordshire County Council and the NHS
- Engaged with district councils on the issues health and housing
- Looked at the quality of services following the release of the Francis report

The next steps for the board involve updating the joint strategic needs assessment and updating the Health and Wellbeing strategy. Jonathan McWilliam agreed with the committee that that data around ethnicity is very valuable. There are plans to create a 'One Oxfordshire' framework that is flexible and offers opportunities to work at the locality level to address priorities.

93/13 EMERGENCY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NHS (Agenda No. 6)

Dr Jonathan McWilliam and Angela Baker addressed the committee.

A new system has been in place since 1st April. The Local resilience forum (LRF) will act as the hub for emergency planning and operate in the Thames Valley area. The group plans and prepares for localised incidents and catastrophic emergencies.

Dr Jonathan McWilliam confirmed that when flooding occurs all partners work together to create an action plan.

94/13 REVIEW OF THE MIDWIFERY LED UNIT IN CHIPPING NORTON (Agenda No. 7)

The following people addressed the committee:

- Samantha Miller (representing Francis Barnsley) - Cotswold maternity unit supporters
- Sarah Boyd - Chipping Norton NCT
- Georgia Mazower – A mother from the local community and Chair of Governors at the ACE Centre
- Kate Barlow – A mother from the local community

Speakers were pleased the unit was reopening but raised concerns about the evidence in the OUHT report. Concerns were also raised about the timescale the OUHT will set for the unit to meet its targets.

Andrew Stevens, Jane Herve and Tony MacDonald addressed the committee.

The OUHT would like to work together with stakeholders to implement the action plan and create a thriving unit. The action plan consists of 33 recommendations which will act as building blocks for the strategy. No timescale has been set for the unit to meet its targets but the OUHT will review the progress after one year. Andrew Stevens confirmed the Unit will not close after one year if target numbers are not met.

Concern was expressed that the review had painted a wholly negative picture of the past in the Unit which was not generally shared by the community. The Trust will have to work hard to rebuild community support for the Unit.

Jane Herve confirmed Oxford Brookes student placements will restart once the unit is reopened.

The Committee welcomed the reopening of the unit but were keen to ensure that the Unit is given sufficient time to re-establish itself and build up numbers.

The Committee asked the CCG to look into the option of neighbourhood midwives

95/13 CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE

(Agenda No. 8)

Dr Mary Keenan and Finance Director, Gareth Kenworthy addressed the committee.

The OCCG have only been acting as an official body since April 1st and have already built strong links with stakeholders for strategic alignment.

The OCCG has focused on developing a plan based on wider transformational service redesign to deliver a financially sustainable health system over a three year period. The OCCG is doing things differently by promoting integrated core joint working, commissioning patient centred services and commissioning for outcomes in the following areas:

- Frail elderly
- Mental health
- Maternity

Dr Mary Keenan confirmed the OCCG will lead on a review of acute services across the county (to include services at the Horton Hospital) with a consultation due out later this year. The committee confirmed that it wished to be involved in the consultation from the outset.

96/13 COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS FOR 2013/14

(Agenda No. 9)

Dr Mary Keenan and Finance Director, Gareth Kenworthy addressed the committee.

The top line financial objectives for the OCCG are to:

- Buy services to meet the needs of the population in Oxfordshire
- Work in a financially viable and sustainable way

The main financial risks for the OCCG:

- Benchmarking following the 2013/2014 allocation exercise indicates that OCCG has low funding levels when compared to other authorities but higher than average savings are required.
- The failure of existing QIPP schemes to keep pace means the OCCG start 2013/14 with a significant baseline financial risk. The OCCG have already identified £10 million savings from QIPP and are working hard to make this £13 million.

If there is a deficit the debt would lie with the organisation where the debt has been accrued. A Contract is in place with OUHT but negotiations are still on-going to finalise the activity and finance levels.

Members were concerned about the rising levels of demand for services and how this can be managed in particular whether people will be turned away from treatment in the future.

Dr Kennan confirmed the OCCG are committed to listening to patients through a range of sources including the patient's participation forums, OCCG website and Healthwatch.

97/13 HEALTHWATCH

(Agenda No. 10)

Alison Partridge addressed the committee.

She confirmed that Oxfordshire Rural Community Council has been awarded the Healthwatch contract for the interim period (one year). Alison Partridge confirmed good progress had been made in the past month.

98/13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(Agenda No. 11)

The chairman confirmed new national guidance for HOSC is to be released.

The Chairman thanked the Committee.

The Committee thanked Senior Officer Claire Phillips.

99/13 CLOSE OF MEETING

(Agenda No. 12)

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Date of signing