

**Oxfordshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.  
19 September 2019**

**Chairman's Report**

**1. HOSC Referral to the Secretary of State on PET Scanning**

1.0 *Progress with the referral*

1.1 At the HOSC meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, the committee unanimously decided to refer the refer NHS England's (NHSE) proposal to make In-Health the preferred bidder of Cancer PET-CT scanning in Oxfordshire to the Secretary of State of Health and Social Care. The letter sent by the Chairman (with enclosed documents) and the reply the Chairman received from the Secretary of State's office, rejecting the referral and the Chairman's subsequent reply were all published in the HOSC papers for June 2019. They can be found under the Chairman's report (item 13), here:

<https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=148&MId=5618&Ver=4>

1.2 Further to the above communication, the Secretary of State's office replied to the Chairman on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019, upholding the rejection of the referral. This letter is contained in Appendix 1 of this report.

1.3 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, the following statement was jointly released between NHSE, Oxford University Hospital Hospitals and InHealth:

*The NHS is committed to detecting more cancers earlier to save more lives. That means a major increase in scanning and diagnostics, so patients can easily access services like PET-CT scanning.*

*To that end, NHS England and Improvement, Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) NHS Foundation Trust, and InHealth are pleased to announce we have now signed a formal partnership agreement.*

*It creates new and additional services for patients who need these important services across the Thames Valley provided by InHealth while sustaining the PET-CT scanning service on the Churchill site provided by the OUH.*

*These brand-new scanning facilities will be based in Milton Keynes (Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Swindon (Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and Reading (Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust) provided by InHealth using highly skilled clinical staff.*

*The new sites will use modern mobile scanners, with the aim of putting in place permanent facilities in the longer term.*

*This new arrangement will help reduce waiting times, as well as ensuring the easy transfer of scans and scan reports between different doctors and sites in more convenient locations for patients across the region.*

*In time, there may also be an opportunity to develop additional local scanning services across the Thames Valley.*

- 1.4 NHSE and Oxford University Hospitals will attend the HOSC meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September to update the committee on the development announced in their joint statement and on services moving forward.

## **2. Committee briefings and communication**

- 2.0 The committee received two written briefings since its meeting in June 2019. These are in the Appendix of this report and are on:

<b>Appendix</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Received</b>
2a and b	Special Care Paediatric and Dentistry. Letter and Draft Service Specification	NHSE	2/7/19
3	Oxford City Community Hospital Update (June)	OCCG	2/7/19
4	Oxford City Community Hospital Update (July)	OCCG	9/8/19
5	Oxford City Community Hospital Update (Aug/Sept)	OCCG	3/9/19
6	Gynae-oncology briefing	OUH/OCCG	21/8/19

## **3. Horton HOSC**

- 3.0 The Horton HOSC met on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to consider reports on the following workstreams:

- Workforce
- Financial analysis
- Option appraisals
- Research on small Consultant Led Units

- 3.1 The Horton HOSC will next meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September where it will consider the recommendation on the future of obstetric services at the Horton General Hospital. The paper for this meeting will be published on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September as an addenda. The recommendation will be simultaneously published for the OCCG Board meeting (26<sup>th</sup> September) and decision on the matter.

## **4. Health and HOSC liaison**

- 4.0 A meeting between the HOSC Chairman and the Chief Executive and Director of Governance of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) with a Policy Officer from Oxfordshire County Council and the Head of Communications from the CCG, took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, to discuss upcoming items for HOSC's Forward Plan.

- 4.1 The main points covered during the meeting were the following:

- Winter Planning. The System has learned the lessons from the last winter, including having a Winter Director in post. They have revamped the team as a

result of the learning and this will be included in the update to HOSC on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. HOSC want to see that there is clarity on what worked, what we did, what we learnt and what will change going forward.

- There is exploration of bringing together three CCGs across the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West geography. This is likely to occur in 2021 and communication will be coming out over the next few months over this. This is still in its early stages and the CCG undertook to keep HOSC updated regularly.
- Specialist Commissioning. The CCG will initiate some work to align specialist commissioning with ways of working locally, using PET CT scanning commissioning as an initial case study. With the ICS, the area which includes Oxfordshire will be big enough to have its own specialist commissioning board and therefore it is likely that there will be greater oversight and influence at a more local level of specialist commissioning services. OCCG and HOSC will take the lead on developing agreement on involving HOSCs on national commissioning which will then be applied nationally.

4.0 In addition to the above from the CCG, Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) Foundation Trust agreed to provide a briefing to the committee on temporary arrangements for Gynae- Oncology services with other hospitals. This is to respond to an invited Royal College review of the service and to allow new leadership to map out services moving forward. The briefing will inform an update at HOSC on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September (Under the CCG update item). The briefing is referenced in section 3 of this report and included in the appendices.

4.1 Oxford City Community Hospital. Monthly updates on this issue will continue to come to HOSC as agreed on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2019. The committee briefings for July, August and September are referenced in section 3 of this report and included in the appendices.

## **5. Task and Finish Group: OX12**

5.0 The HOSC OX12 Task and Finish Group has met two more times since the last HOSC meeting; 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August. Summaries of each meeting are loaded onto the OX12 project area of the CCG website, they can be reached at the following link:

<https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/planning-for-future-health-and-care-needs-in-wantage-and-grove-ox12.htm>

5.1 Members of the Task and Finish Group will be observing a planned Listening Event 12<sup>th</sup> September and a Solution Building workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> September. A further Task and Finish Group meeting is planned for 8<sup>th</sup> October. Members will also observe a second workshop scheduled for later in October.

5.2 The Task Group are planning to meet a final time in early November after which the draft recommendations will be finalised, and a final report will be produced. This will be shared with the Project Group and responses to the recommendations agreed before being shared with HOSC at the next meeting.